

I am writing to express my opinion regarding the most recent effort by some members of the Board of Commissioners to undermine the expert work of the Benzie/Leelanau County Health Department once again, and to overturn the vote of the people of Leelanau County.

Voters in Leelanau County approved a millage to support Early Childhood Development. This is not a program to provide daycare – it is a program to support young children and families in the county. The commissioners' efforts to remove funding for a program that was approved by the voters is appalling on two fronts.

- it was approved in an election.
- the program is serving residents of the county who are benefiting from it.

Our county must support our young families for the future health of the community, in accordance with the voters of Leelanau County.

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