

From: [Michelle Crocker](#)
To: [Board of Commissioners](#)
Cc: [Alison Middleton](#); [Chet Janik](#)
Subject: FW: Support for Early Childhood Education
Date: Sunday, September 19, 2021 1:58:18 PM

Dear Commissioners:

Please see email below for public comment.

Michelle

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From: Karen Chase <kaychase46@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, September 19, 2021 1:49 PM
To: Michelle Crocker <mcrocker@leelanau.gov>; Chet Janik <cjanik@leelanau.gov>
Cc: David ICE B Bellizi <bellitzd@gmail.com>
Subject: Support for Early Childhood Education

Dear Ms. Crocker and Mr. Janek:

PLEASE PLACE THIS LETTER IN THE RECORDS at the upcoming two county commission meetings dealing with the voted millage that has recently been cut by the Leelanau County Commissioners.

As a retired educator, specializing in lower elementary education, my husband, David, and I have observed first hand how early childhood education and parenting support have an immensely positive affect on the success of our young children as they enter the educational arena.

The creation of this program and its funding were supported and successfully voted upon by a majority of our citizens at a democratically conducted election.

We are shocked, though not surprised, by the audacity of four commissioners to eliminate the voter approved funding.

The action taken by the four commissioners undercuts the democratic principles by which our country functions. Just because they disagree with the outcome of the election, they certainly have no right to eliminate the funding for it!

I strongly urge the four commissioners to reverse their action and to reinstate the voter approved funding for this most beneficial program.

The future of our great country depends on our educational systems.

Sincerely yours,
Karen Chase
David Bellizi

Sent from my iPhone