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It saddens me to hear that the board of commissioner's is trying to eliminate the funding for the Early Childhood millage.

The parenting communities group is a valuable resource for young families in Leelanau county. This program provides an opportunity for families to connect with one another and be connected with community resources.

Over the last two years I have taken my two daughters to the playgroups. This has become part of our weekly routine. My oldest daughter has thrived in this setting. It has given her a safe and fun place to socialize, make friends and gain confidence socially.

Please do not vote to take this funding away. We as a community voted for this millage and felt that this was valuable use of our tax money. Taking away this program will add to the growing list of reasons why it is difficult for young working class families to live and thrive in Leelanau county.

In a time when there is so much uncertainty for our children and county residents please make a choice to continue these programs and resources.

Thank you,

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