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Please see Public Comment below.

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The voters have spoken and the proposal passed. I strongly disagree with actions to deny the funding for ECD. Funding should be provided for these reasons:

- Providing services to families with children under the age of five is crucial because 90% of a child's brain is developed by that age.
- Experts say that if we want our young children to do well in school, we should be teaching them all kinds of things before they even get to kindergarten so that they will be "ready to learn."
- Investing in early childhood is one of the most substantial steps the region can take to strengthen business, improve schools, expand economic opportunities and move our region forward.

This is in the best interest of Leelanau County and its residents.

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