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Once again, the ignorance of the Republican members of the Leelanau County Board of Commissioners is exceeded only by their arrogance and serves to embarrass the good citizens of Leelanau County on the local, state and national level.

Bunek presented a motion to OVERTURN THE VOTE OF THE LEELANAU COUNTY ELECTORATE by reducing the voter-approved Early Childhood Millage of 0.2488 to 0.000 mills, resulting in an estimated loss of \$730,000 to fund early childhood services and programs, despite a preponderance of credible research documenting the impact of said programs over the last fifty years.

That Rushton and Lautner attempted to deny the election results is simply beyond the pale, as is Bunek's statement, in the LEELANAU ENTERPRISE, "When the people make a wrong decision we (the county board) are here to make sure that that doesn't go on...." Mr. Bunek and his fellow Republicans clearly need a refresher on their roles as county commissioners in a democracy.

The editorial in Sunday's TRAVERSE CITY RECORD EAGLE points out the importance of early childhood education to the economic health of families and the economic recovery of our region and nation. Long term benefits of early childhood programming and services are well documented, from providing children with an educational head start, lifting families out of poverty to creating an educated workforce. Michelle Klein, who administers the voter-approved programs in Leelanau County, delineated the programs offered in an article in the recent edition of the LEELANAU ENTERPRISE. It was unprofessional, unethical and unconscionable for Mr. Bunek and his Republican colleagues to end run not only Ms. Klein and the Benzie-Leelanau District Health Department which administers said programs but their Democratic colleagues

that serve on the Leelanau County Board of Commissioners.

It is past time that these four Republican commissioners be recalled. The children of Leelanau County deserve better. I am confident that the intelligent electorate of Leelanau County will see that the full millage is restored, along with early childhood services and programs.

Respectfully,  
Jill A. McKenna

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