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Commissioner Bunek,

First let me express my appreciation for the informational meeting today. There clearly are high emotions surrounding this issue and of your reported remarks to overturn the voters expressed will on the early childhood program. I think there is little to add to what has already been said about the merits of the program. My hope is that you'll recognize that you can emerge from this battle a little bloodied and scarred but with your credibility intact. If the Board moves forward to cripple the program through underfunding or outright elimination the pushback will be mighty. What you anticipate saving for the taxpayers by cutting the millage will be offset by the legal fees of a lawsuit that will inevitably follow. I hope you'll do the right thing and fight this battle in 2024 when the millage will once again be before the voters.

Sincerely,
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