

**From:** [Michelle Crocker](#)  
**To:** [Board of Commissioners](#)  
**Cc:** [Chet Janik](#); [Alison Middleton](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Parenting Communities  
**Date:** Monday, September 20, 2021 5:47:35 PM

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Dear Commissioners,

Please see email below.

Michelle

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**From:** David Williams <williamsda1945@icloud.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, September 20, 2021 4:39 PM  
**To:** Michelle Crocker <mcrocker@leelanau.gov>  
**Subject:** Parenting Communities

Please place this letter on the record. Emails were sent to commissioners Robbins, Lautner, Bunek and Rushton.

Thank you,

David Williams

Dear Clerk Crocker,

In regards to the Early Childhood Millage vote of greatest concern to you as a conservative Republican should be the economic impact of early childhood programs. Repeated long term studies have shown that the federal program, Head Start, for example resulted in reduced:

- Lower substance abuse rates
- Half as many criminal arrests
- Better problem solving skills
- Lower divorce rates
- Less depression
- Lower teen pregnancy rates
- Lower retention/special education needs
- Higher graduation rates
- More likelihood to attend college
- Higher lifelong earnings.

Investing in the economic, mental and physical health of our children should be a priority from a true conservative's point of view. Reactionary actions such as eliminating the voter approved millage for the Parenting Communities program will result in ill will and will be a detriment to the health and

well being of our youngest residents in Leelanau county.

Yours truly,

David P Williams  
District 3 Resident