

September 20, 2021

Dear Commissioners,

I was appalled at your sudden vote to zero out the Leelanau County Early Childhood millage with little to no justification. The Quebec study quoted by Mr. Bunek is by no means a suitable comparison.

Time and again most of you have been highly vocal in your support for the rights of “the unborn child”. Now you are unwilling to support the Leelanau County families who most need help raising those children. This is unacceptable.

Please let the Early Childhood Education Program continue **as funded** for a full year of in-person services. Let an unbiased party evaluate outcomes through a standard evaluation process; read their report, and then make a thoughtful, educated decision about future budgeting.

I no longer have young children in my family, but I am more than happy to pay the small amount on my tax bill to fund the county’s early childhood programs, which offer hope and support to our young families in need. Please rescind your vote!

Sincerely,

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