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**To:** Board of Commissioners <boc@leelanau.gov>  
**Subject:** Early Childhood Millage

Dear Leelanau County Board of Commissioners:

I implore you not to reduce your county's early childhood millage to zero at your meeting tonight, for two reasons:

1. Your constituents voted to enact that millage, and it is disrespectful and irresponsible to ignore their wishes. This would undermine the functioning of the county government, and set a dangerous precedent.
2. Early Childhood Education has been proven repeatedly by valid, reliable scientific research to have the highest return on investment in long-term positive outcomes. The impression that there is "tremendous redundancy" in early childhood programs is flat-out wrong and dangerously ignorant.

De-funding the programs that are supported by this millage would do significant damage to the families you represent.

Don't do it.

A Concerned Neighbor,  
Karen McCarthy