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**To:** [Board of Commissioners](#)  
**Cc:** [Alison Middleton](#); [Chet Janik](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Please post for tonight's meeting  
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Commissioners,

Please see Public Comment below for tonight's meeting.

Michelle

-----Original Message-----

From: Mary Tonneberger <mptomena@torchlake.com>  
Sent: Tuesday, September 21, 2021 10:36 AM  
To: Michelle Crocker <mcrocker@leelanau.gov>  
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Commissioners,

I had the opportunity to listen in part to yesterday's public comments, read this morning's headlines in the Record-Eagle, and to read a national article in a major newspaper. The issue is critical that we address the needs of young families-our county's health is dependent upon it. I have been involved in raising awareness for over a dozen years. Young families are crying for support. Various families have differing needs but what they have in common- all want to be good parents.

The Parenting Communities program that the millage supports is vital and is just getting started. It needs to be fully funded so that multi-year planning can take place and the level of professional support needs to be put in place. Your responsibility is to listen to what our residents are saying across Leelanau County and to act upon this.

Mary Tonneberger

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