

**From:** [Michelle Crocker](#)  
**To:** [Board of Commissioners](#)  
**Cc:** [Alison Middleton](#); [Chet Janik](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Early Childhood millage.  
**Date:** Tuesday, September 21, 2021 12:30:45 PM

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Commissioners,

Please see Public Comment below for tonight's meeting.

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**From:** Robert M LaPorte <[drrobertlaporte@me.com](mailto:drrobertlaporte@me.com)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 21, 2021 9:56 AM  
**To:** Michelle Crocker <[mcrocker@leelanau.gov](mailto:mcrocker@leelanau.gov)>  
**Subject:** Early Childhood millage.

Dear Ms. Crocker,

First of all Thank You for your service to our wonderful county!

I understand that there are 4 Commissioners who wish to over rule the millage that was passed in 2019 to support.

Please send this letter to all 4 of those commissioners before tonights meeting.

Dear Leelanau County Commissioners,

The Early Childhood Services programs are in their infancy and it takes time to build awareness, fine tune the offerings and collaborate with other organizations. Reducing or eliminating funding just as they are getting off the ground would be a waste of the tax dollars we have already spent and a slap in the face to the administrators just getting started and the families benefiting from these programs.

When Leelanau County residents voted to pass this millage we were voting to make our county a more welcoming and supportive place for families and children. As the saying goes, 'it takes a village to raise a child' and we voted to be a part of that village. If you nullify that vote by reducing the millage to 0.0 you are sending a deeply harmful message about what this community values.

Thank you for taking the time to read this letter and again Thank you for your service to our county.

Robert LaPorte, M.D.