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To: <u>Clerk</u>

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As a lifelong educator, I am concerned about and do not agree with the proposal to reduce the Early Childhood services budget to 0.000.

I viewed the ZOOM budget meeting and listened to the Board members who have concerns about funding the program. The majority of the voters approved this millage; for the board of commissioners to reduce the entire budget without any previous discussion with department personnel seems imprudent and unwise.

I appreciate the Monday meeting being held to get more information and input before Tuesday's decision.

It's important to invest in people who will have a positive affect on youth of the community. The programs being offered are research-based and are proven to have an immediate positive impact on children and their families, as well as a long-lasting social, emotional and educational impact on learning potential, relationships and lifelong activities.

I encourage you to be open-minded to the information being presented Monday, the input you receive from participants in the programs, and to uphold the decision of voters who approved the millage.

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