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Good morning

Please note that our family, currently residing in Maple City, fully supports the Early Childhood millage as passed by the majority of voters. It is the job and duty of the elected commissioners to implement policies supported and implemented by the voters of the county. Instead it seems the majority of Leelanau County Commissioners spend significant time attempting to privatize government services that no one has asked them to privatize, making Leelanau County look backward and ignorant and frankly, racist, in the national news and now trying to deprive Leelanau County babies, toddlers and parents services that the voters decided should be given. I ask the commissioners look at every bit of early childhood research that overwhelmingly proves early childhood education in a community significantly helps the children, their parents, their neighbors and the wider community. Maybe the commissioners so eager to take away these needed services should to take the time to attend a parent group, class or home visit. I've been a mom to newborns, toddlers, adolescent, pre-teen, teen and young adults. At every step of the way, support is necessary for success. Some people are lucky and have their built in for them. Others don't. Let's make sure we're educating parents and children at every stage of the game. After all, these are the people that will grow up into our leaders and take care of us someday. Let's make sure they are loved, educated, compassionate and giving members of our community.

Thank you

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