From: <u>Kate Farmer</u>
To: <u>Rick Robbins; Clerk</u>

Subject: Public Comment re: Robbins' Vote Against Early Childhood Resources

Date: Thursday, September 16, 2021 8:30:20 PM

Hello,

I am a citizen and parent in Elmwood Township, District 1. I am writing because I am utterly appalled that the Leelanau County Board of Commissioners voted 4-3 on Tuesday morning to cut the millage for the early childhood program to .000, a mileage that was voted on and passed by the people of Leelanau County already.

Decades of research proves the importance of early childhood education. Your no vote was incredibly short-sighted and dangerous to the long term health of our county and the citizens you are to be advocating for. I urge you to leave partisan rhetoric aside and reconsider - read the research, listen to the experts and do what is right for us all.

Kate Sterken