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BOARD AGENDA ITEM

ITEM NO: 3.6

BOARD MEETING DATE: Monday, November 4, 2024

OPENING ITEM: Deep Learning Showcase – History Under Investigation: Fifth Graders Crack the Case of the Boston Massacre

SUBMITTED BY: Julie Farbarik, Director of Community Relations

PRESENTED BY: Denise Bartlett, Superintendent

Presented for the governing board's information is the CFSD Deep Learning Showcase – History Under Investigation: Fifth Graders Crack the Case of the Boston Massacre.

November's Deep Learning Showcase features an engaging fifth-grade IDS project at Canyon View Elementary School led by teacher Samantha Thompson, who transformed a lesson on the Boston Massacre into a dynamic CSI: Crime Scene Investigation experience. Parents took on the roles of witnesses to the historic event, allowing students to interview them for first-hand accounts. Immersed in their roles as detectives or reporters, students analyzed documents and "evidence" from the scene, piecing together details about how the Boston Massacre occurred. Detectives compiled their findings into crime scene files, while reporters crafted newspaper articles to capture the event's significance. The project culminated in student presentations to small groups, who offered constructive feedback, enhancing both their understanding of history and their communication skills.

RECOMMENDED MOTION: Information Item