The Scenario:
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Sports and extracurricular activities were my driving factors for success growing up and are detrimental for a child's development.

Also, the district will be **cutting sports program and extracurricular activities** to compensate for the budget deficit.

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We want this to be a continued success and be able to host this for the Canton community. This project will not be a one and done deal.

The Solution:
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Feedback:
The project was a success and over 80 children over the days span playing games. We received amazing feedback from parents urging us to continue the event.

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