

## **YPI Administrator Testimonial - Clayton Johnston**

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This is one of those amazing opportunities we have to get these kids from with kids from 40 different countries around the world. To step outside the gates and and be involved in our local community to get a true understanding of what's happening in the in the area. This is the perfect thing to not be fearful of the gates and being able to get out there and be part of things in a safe way. And it makes it real, I think the pluses and the administrators, administrators worth their salt is going to see that the plus far outweighs any kind of hassle it might be. And the administrators here are just so in love with, of course, with it. And for what it does for all the things we've talked about, you know, for our relationship with the community, it gives students a voice, gives them ownership over something gets teachers out of their classrooms too, and involved in the community as well. So it's the investment, the emotional investment, and the ownership, they take over something. So most, not most teachers, many teachers will give projects that kids get together to kind of figure out who's going to be the leader, make it happen and see what kind of marks they can get. This is completely different in terms of its experiential value, because these kids become invested and passionate, and the stakes are high. This is money. And if they don't win, there's going to be tears. And when they do when there's tears of joy, it's just you don't get that with any other school project, at least from what I've experienced or tried to organize myself as a teacher. So whatever you guys do in the format, it brings things out of kids and that's marvelous. Brentwood is now conceived largely in part of YPI as a as a school that people are proud of in the community. It's a school that gives back that is involved. And that's that's a nice place to be.