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Mr. Lehmann discussed that he has been a part of the global family for a year and a half. He commented that as a math and physics teacher, he would hear students speak about this amazing experience, the life-long friendships, the global thinking and educational opportunities that this program has provided them. Mr. Lehmann advised that this is the 20th anniversary of the International Youth Delegation Program between Zweibrücken and Barrie. He thanked the City of Barrie, the Board of Education, the parents, families, and volunteers and those who have made this program a success. Mr. Lehmann presented Mayor Lehman with a gift on behalf of Zweibrücken, Germany.

Mayor Lehman commented that there is no better way to learn about someone else's culture than by simply immersing yourself in it and the mutual benefit this program offers the students from both counties. The Mayor wished the delegation an enjoyable time in Canada and Barrie, and hoped that the friendship with Zweibrücken that has lasted for many years and will continue to for many years to come.

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