



The School Board of Broward County, Florida

RESOLUTION

No. 08-24

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF
"2007 BROWARD COUNTY ARTS TEACHER OF THE YEAR"**

WHEREAS, the School Board of Broward County desires to express its recognition, congratulations, and gratitude to **Dr. David Lazerson** as recipient of the 2007 Broward County Arts Teacher of the Year Award; and

WHEREAS, **David Lazerson** teaches music at The Quest Center, 6401 Charleston Street, Hollywood, Broward County Commission District 5, where he has been teaching for five years, and his principal, Ms. Raquel V. Cobb, has recognized him for his outstanding contributions to the education of children as well as his community involvement; and

WHEREAS, **David Lazerson** exudes love for special needs students and is excited to teach the extraordinary ways music can enrich their lives; and

WHEREAS, **David Lazerson** has been instrumental in securing grants, computer equipment and other gifts for the ESE students of the Quest Center in excess of \$60,000 in this past school year alone; and

WHEREAS, **David Lazerson** has created the Sing & Sign Choir and the BlackLight Theatre, enabling many of his non-verbal students to perform, and bringing these students into the community to share their talents with civic organizations, senior citizen centers, and other Broward County Schools; and

WHEREAS, **David Lazerson** has dedicated himself to improving relationships and creating harmony between people of all races and nations, and has been recognized nationally for his endeavors in the Showtime feature film Crown Heights, based on his book and life experience; and

WHEREAS, **David Lazerson** is the twenty-second recipient of the Broward County Arts Teacher of the Year Award, the only award of its kind in the State of Florida; and

WHEREAS, **David Lazerson** will be presented with an award of \$2,500 in cash and a Tiffany crystal apple followed by a performance open to the public and a reception at the Broward Center for the Performing Arts on Wednesday, October 24, 2007, at 6:00 P.M. through private contributions from the Cultural Foundation of Broward; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE RESOLVED that the School Board of Broward County, Florida, hereby proclaim October 23, 2007 as **Dr. David Lazerson** day;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the School Board of Broward County also expresses congratulations to Dr. David Lazerson for the recognition he will receive on October 24, 2007 at the Broward Center for the Performing Arts.

Given at Fort Lauderdale, Florida, this 18th day of September, 2007

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF BROWARD COUNTY

BY: _____
Beverly A. Gallagher, Chair

ATTEST: _____
James F. Notter, Superintendent of Schools