



*The School Board of Broward County, Florida*

# RESOLUTION

No. 17-90

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF  
NATIONAL DYSLEXIA AWARENESS MONTH - OCTOBER 2016**

**WHEREAS**, dyslexia is

(1) defined as an unexpected difficulty in reading for an individual who has the intelligence to be a much better reader; and

(2) due to a difficulty in getting to the individual sounds of spoken language, which affects the ability of an individual to speak, read, spell, and often, learn a language;

**WHEREAS**, dyslexia is the most common learning disability and affects 80 percent to 90 percent of all individuals with a learning disability;

**WHEREAS**, an individual with dyslexia may have weakness in decoding or reading fluency and strength in higher level cognitive functions, such as reasoning, critical thinking, concept formation, or problem solving;

**WHEREAS**, it is important to provide effective teaching approaches that are multisensory, explicit, direct, cumulative, and focused on the structure of language; and

**WHEREAS**, early diagnosis of dyslexia is critical for ensuring that individuals with dyslexia receive focused, evidence-based intervention that leads to the promotion of self-awareness and self-empowerment and the provision of necessary accommodations so as to ensure school and life success;

**WHEREAS**, great progress has been made in understanding dyslexia on a scientific level, including the epidemiology and cognitive and neurobiological bases of dyslexia; and

**WHEREAS**, dyslexia in its most severe forms (as identified by lack of response to focused, evidence-based intervention), will qualify a student for special education and support services.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that The School Board of Broward County, Florida, hereby extends its support of the intent of National Dyslexia Awareness Month to be celebrated in

**October 2016**

and urges all schools, centers, and departments within its jurisdiction to support this community-wide observance.

Given at Fort Lauderdale, Florida, this 5<sup>th</sup> day of October 2016.

**THE SCHOOL BOARD OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA**

**BY:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Dr. Rosalind Osgood, Chair

**ATTEST:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Robert W. Runcie, Superintendent of Schools