

## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **CLEBURNE ISD MUSIC TEACHER TO RECEIVE “HERO AWARD”**

The Fort Worth Symphony Orchestra and the Score A Goal In The Classroom School *Incentive Program* have named Music Teacher **Matthew Hiller** the recipient of the prestigious Bayard H. Friedman Hero Award for being the most outstanding instrumental music teacher in North Texas. The awards presentation will take place Saturday, May 16, 2009 during the 8 p.m. performance of the Fort Worth Symphony Orchestra at Bass Performance Hall in Fort Worth, Texas.

The **Bayard H. Friedman Hero Award** has been established, in his memory, to honor outstanding school employees. Mr. Friedman, a renowned civic leader, was a strong proponent of challenging students and educators to continuously strive to raise the level of education and excellence of those in positions of serving our children and communities.

Mr. Hiller is a cum laude graduate of the University of North Texas with a Bachelor's Degree in Music Education. He has made a terrific, positive impact on the Cleburne ISD's Lowell Smith Middle School Music Program. He shows an incredible, near-genius work ethic. Matthew's expertise, as well as his joy for expressing his love through music, has been a great encouragement to his students. Under his leadership, his students have been showcased at many community functions.

In addition to the “Hero Award,” Chesapeake Energy is presenting Mr. Hiller with a \$1,000 honorarium in appreciation of his outstanding contribution to our community's children.