



RAMONA BIG HEAD

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Ramona Big Head's Blackfoot name, Akaistsiiskaakii, is translated as Many Sweat Lodge Woman. She is a mother of 7 and a grandmother of 20. Ramona has been an educator for over 20 years. She received her B.A / B.Ed at the University of Lethbridge in 1996. She taught, English and Drama for 14 years at Kainai High School. She received her M.Ed from the U of L in 2009. She worked in Curriculum Development with Alberta Education in the Arts Education Department in 2008. She also taught at the University of Lethbridge in the Faculty of Education for 2 years (2011 to 2013). Then, she was the Principal for Tatsikiisaapo'p Middle School from 2013 to 2017. She is currently a PhD Candidate out of the University of British Columbia. Her area of research is the correlation between arts education and identity on Blackfoot youth. She has just begun her new position as the Principal of Kainai High School, where she first began her teaching career just over 20 years ago. She is also an avid fan of LeBron James and the Cleveland Cavaliers!