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HIGHLIGHTS

- Language Arts Teacher (K/1, 4/5, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12) in Haida Gwaii and Prince Rupert
- Master in Educational Leadership (2019) (Vancouver Island University)
- English Language Arts Department Head at Charles Hays Secondary School (CHSS)
- Chairperson of the SD52 Joint Professional Development Committee
- Experience: English 9 & 12, English First Peoples 11 & 12, and Communications 11/12
- Other experience: Early Literacy, and Drama 8 & 11/12
- Policy Advisor, Ontario's self-regulatory College of Early Childhood Educators
- College Instructor (in Early Childhood Education) at Seneca College

EXPERIENCE

- **Prince Rupert School District 52 (Prince Rupert, BC)**
 - Charles Hays Secondary School – English teacher (2023-current)
 - English Language Arts Department Head (2025-current)
 - Debate Team Coach (2022-2026)
 - Ama Goot, Ama T'ilgoolsk (Community Builders Club) Co-Advisor (2024-2026)
 - Sagayt Wan A Lax Yuup (Outdoor Club) Co-Advisor (2023-2026)
 - Prince Rupert Middle School – Grade 7 teacher and Drama 8 teacher (2018-2023)
 - Ama Goot, Ama T'ilgoolsk (Grade 8 Leadership Council) Co-Advisor (2021-2023)
 - Drama Club Co-Advisor (2021-2023)
- **Haida Gwaii School District 50 (Daajing Giids, Skidegate, and Masset, Haida Gwaii, BC)**
 - Gidgalang Kuuyas Naay – Language Arts, Socials, Math, and Drama teacher (2016-2018)
 - School Play Advisor (2016-2018)
 - Student Council Advisor (2017-2018)
 - Outdoor Club Co-Advisor (2016-2018)
 - Sk'aadgaa Naay Elementary – K/1 teacher (2015)
 - Tahayghen Elementary – 4/5 teacher (2015)

- **University of British Columbia (Vancouver, BC)**
 - Early Childhood Educator – Owl Child Care Centre (2010-2013)
- **College of Early Childhood Educators (Toronto, ON)**
 - Policy and Communications Advisor (2009-2010)
- **Seneca College (Toronto, ON)**
 - Instructor – Early Childhood Education and Child Development (2008)
- **Pike Market Child Care (Seattle, WA)**
 - Executive Director (2003)
- **Puget Sound Learning (Silverdale, WA)**
 - Director of Learning Services – Reading and Writing Specialist (1994-2000)
 - Early Childhood Educator – Children’s Garden Preschool (1997-2000)

EDUCATION

- **Vancouver Island University (Nanaimo, BC)**
 - Master in Educational Leadership (2019)
- **Simon Fraser University (Burnaby, BC)**
 - Bachelor of Education: Indigenous Perspectives in Education (2014)
- **Langara College (Vancouver, BC)**
 - Diploma: Early Childhood Education (including Infant/Toddler) (2010)
- **University of Toronto / OISE (Toronto, ON)**
 - Graduate Studies: Human Development and Applied Psychology (2008-2009)
- **University of Washington (Seattle, WA)**
 - Bachelor of Arts: Psychology (2003)
- **Olympic College (Bremerton, WA)**
 - Associate in Arts and Sciences (2001)
- **Olympic High School (Bremerton, WA), Cheney High School (Cheney, WA), Gonzaga Preparatory School (Spokane, WA)**
 - High School Diploma — Olympic High School (1991)