

## Weaving Ways - Indigenous Ways of Knowing in Classrooms and Schools



PRESENTED BY

Donna Ross & Denise Peterson



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St. Paul Centre - 124-24 Ave. NE

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### Learning Opportunity

AUDIENCE: GRADES K-12 SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS, DISTRICT LEADS AND LEARNING LEADERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND.

As an administrator, district leader, or learning leader how can we embrace the Indigenous idea of wholeness in the classroom to support greater belonging for all learners? This workshop will support administrators in guiding their teachers to consider how Indigenous Knowledge Systems can support a rich experience for students in their classrooms and the larger school community.

As an introductory guide, *Weaving Ways* supports teacher exploration of the histories, cultures, languages, contributions, perspectives and contemporary contexts of First Nations, Métis and Inuit peoples, while engendering knowledge, understanding and respect. *Weaving Ways* is structured with four interrelated quadrants which educators can utilize to organize their thinking and instructional approaches. Administrators will find this introductory guide advantageous in supporting their teachers in fulfilling competency five in the TQS, while deepening their own knowledge of Indigenous pedagogical practices.

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### Presenters

Donna Ross

is a 32-year educator. She is Cree Métis from Saskatchewan and member of the One Arrow First Nation, Treaty Six territory. Donna began her teaching career as a classroom teacher with Tsuut'ina Nation and continued to support First Nations learners in subsequent positions with Siksika and Stoney Nakoda Nations, and is currently an Indigenous Designer of Learning with the Calgary Regional Consortium. Donna brings passion and a deep knowledge of First Nations, Métis, and Inuit histories, the impact of residential schools, and the embedding of Indigenous ways of knowing into Alberta curriculum and organizational culture. She is also a proud kokum!

### Denise Peterson

Denise Peterson (B.Ed., M.Ed.) has been a teacher, Principal and Educational Consultant for nearly four decades. She was Principal of an Elder-directed partnership school with Siksika Nation and Golden Hills School Division which was awarded the Premier's Award of Excellence in Innovation. She is a tipi holder, the recipient of a Blackfoot name and has received an Excellence in Education Award from the Siksika Nation. In her role as Councillor for the Town of Strathmore, she was an inaugural part of instituting the Siksika/Strathmore Anti-Racism Initiative. In 2023, in recognition of her work in advocacy, she was a recipient of the Queen's Jubilee medal. Denise's Blackfoot name is mamiaitsikimi. She is dedicated to the tenets of Truth and Reconciliation and understands the essential importance of honoring Indigenous Knowledge through stories of lived experience and authentic voice.

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