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Greetings to the Hiring Manager and Hiring Committee.

My name is Felicia Jennings-Winterle. I have been an educator in various settings since very young. My training was formalized at the undergraduate level, in Music Education at Faculdade Santa Marcelina, São Paulo, concomitantly with two post-graduate courses – one in Psychomotor Education (in Portuguese, Educação Psicomotora) at ISPE-GAE, SP and a Specialization in Music Classes for Children (in Portuguese, Especialização em Musicalização Infantil) at UNISA – SP. Few years later I pursued my Master's in Music Education, at the New York University (NYU, NY) only to find out that my true vocation was to be a Portuguese teacher for those who live in contexts of other languages.

Since 2009 I have been creating and producing specialized curricula, didactic material, content on social media, as well as professional development programs to the teaching of Portuguese language, in the specialties of Heritage and Additional language. Additionally, since 2017 I have been comfortable and confident enough to teach English to foreigners, focusing on boosting their strengths and self-confidence, always emphasizing how that language is a part of their cultural-linguistic repertoires.

In fact, I believe that this is one of my strengths: to position one's diverse linguistic experiences as part of their repertoires, showing that all languages are valuable and should be nourished.

I believe I have made a valid contribution to the field of Portuguese as Heritage Language in doing all the aforementioned actions and much more. Now, I believe I need different challenges, in different contexts. First of all, I believe regular schools are the place where languages can thrive giving the edge students need to thrive in an ever more competitive world. More importantly, I believe raising bilinguals that have profound access to their languages and cultures can forge a differential set of abilities and potencies much needed in an ever more challenging future.

I feel ready and competent to be a teacher of both Portuguese and English so that we can have more competent and culturally diverse bi/plurilingual individuals.

Please read about the work I have been doing on both my CV and my website (www.plurallbybem.com) and feel free to contact me.

Thank you and I am looking forward to hearing from you.

Felicia Jennings-Winterle