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Hannah Assefa (she, her) is an elementary educator who has worked with children for most of her life. Whether through private instruction in traditional fiddle or as an educator in the classroom. Hannah grew up in Northern

Vermont as a biracial child attempting to understand her identity. From this experience, she truly understands there is more to each student than the individual sitting in the classroom. Hannah has taught in various classroom settings, from Early Childhood Education to adult education. In each environment, she has worked to create a classroom community where each student is celebrated, nurtured, seen, and heard. Most importantly, she ensures students see her as a partner on a fun and exciting learning journey.

Hannah teaches at The Barn School, an independent school in Northern Vermont that centers its practices on child-honoring and “Vermontessori” approaches to learning. She holds a Master of Education in Curriculum & Instruction from Southern New Hampshire University (2016) and a Bachelor of Arts in Music & Elementary Education from Saint Michael’s College (2013). Hannah is a PhD candidate at Southern New Hampshire University and is exploring the characteristics of formal learning experiences that help educators develop culturally responsive and sustaining practices.