November 14, 2017

Dear Dr. Lambert,

We are pleased to know that you have accepted our manuscript for publication. As requested, we considered the reviewers’ suggestions and made the following changes to the manuscript:

1) We edited the Discussion section to connect the ideas expressed back to the literature review and ground our implications in the existent research.

2) As suggested by Reviewer 1, we discussed the need to provide teachers assistants with professional development. We agree with his/her interest in interviewing the assistant teachers who did indeed play an important role in supporting children with disabilities. However, we did not interview the assistant teachers and this work can be saved for future study.

3) Looking over the suggestions of Reviewer 2, we attempted to tighten our descriptions of the observations and interviews. However, since we conducted a cross-case theme analysis, we did not find it appropriate to include a summary about each teacher at the end of each themes, as he/she suggested. Further, this would have considerably lengthened the manuscript.

4) Reviewer 2 also cautioned us to review our word choice when reporting findings to avoid perceived subjectivity. In doing so, we made sure to clarify what we observed and tried to eliminate instances where we thought we were unclear or perhaps demonstrated our own biases.

3) Lastly, we reviewed and edited the Implications section. We included language that encouraged readers to interpret our findings as a qualitative case study with caution and avoid generalizing our findings.

We look forward to hearing from you regarding these changes.

Sincerely,

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