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The authors have answered my points sufficiently well to allow their manuscript to be published.

Discretionary Revisions

I appreciate the authors' clarification of how these staff function as mentors, especially in identifying them as house-parents for the boarding school.

Page 8, Line 7, also defines a “mother of the house” as someone who lives in the boarding school and interacts with the students. Is this a translation of the Hebrew job title for this person? Is there an additional way to describe this role? The authors might want to distinguish the mentors and “mother of the house” more. Is the “mother of the house” primarily in that role for those students who know they will not return home, while managing food, clothing, etc. for all students, and mentors/house-parents focus on/work with students expected to return home? Emphasizing that mentors typically mirror a heterosexual couple and serve as house-parents may mix metaphors when compared to the “mother of the house.”

Minor Essential Revisions

Page 10, Line 1, there continue to be typos, even in the brief, highlighted additions to the revised manuscript.

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