Reviewer’s report

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I applaud the author for addressing my previous comments as fully as is reasonable. Upon further review of the revised submission, I feel it is strengthened by stronger motivation and rationale of the qualitative nature of the study, clearer and more specific language around the RISE intervention itself as well as the mechanisms within it, and more robust framing of quotations via directly linking them to specific intervention components where possible. I also appreciate that authors revised the visual tables - they now enhance and elevate the findings for the reader.

Overall, I see potential for this study to contribute to the literature. The topic is timely, and the author has clearly devoted much time and attention to the study. In closing, I appreciate the opportunity to have read your work and look forward to seeing more of it in the future. Best of luck!

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