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Dear Editors,

Thank you for your feedback and opportunity to revise. We have now added additional material that attends to your request, as reproduced below:

“We would be willing to allocate this manuscript for review, if you could specify the outcomes of the program. In this way that the findings of this process evaluation can be related to outcomes, which facilitates a meaningful interpretation.”
On page 3, we now include a new paragraph that details and cites the evidence-base for the two programs whose implementation is supported by the Population Health Information Management System (PHIMS) IT system—the focus of our study. We outline the outcomes of the Randomized Control Trial and evaluation that established the effectiveness of Live Life Well @ School and Munch and Move. In addition, we report the programs’ current reach, and implementation progress on achieving key performance indicator targets at scale, as established by ongoing monitoring and evaluation (conducted via the PHIMS IT system).

We believe that these additions help contextualize the implementation of these two evidence-based programs that the PHIMS IT system is designed to support, and impart the significance of this study which (to our knowledge) is the first that explores how an IT system has supported implementation of a multi-million dollar population-level preventive health initiative.