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| PART 1: Comments | | |
|  | Reviewer’s comment **Artificial Intelligence (AI) generated or assisted review comments are strictly prohibited during peer review.** | **Author’s Feedback** (It is mandatory that authors should write his/her feedback here) |
| **Please write a few sentences regarding the importance of this manuscript for the scientific community. A minimum of 3-4 sentences may be required for this part.** | This document offers valuable insights into the experiences of kindergarten teachers in Davao de Oro. The research will substantially enhance the understanding of early childhood education by employing a phenomenological approach to document personal narratives and challenges within the field. It highlights educators who are highly passionate about their work but struggle to fulfil their obligations. The findings could help local policymakers understand the situation and validate global insights of early childhood education in the Philippines. | Thank you for an in-depth review. |
| **Is the title of the article suitable?**  **(If not please suggest an alternative title)** | Yes, the title is suitable and aligned with the text. The word ‘Lived Experiences’ indicates that it is phenomenological research. Probably need to eexplicitly state the country, “Davao de Oro, Philippines” | Noted and done. |
| Is the abstract of the article comprehensive? Do you suggest the addition (or deletion) of some points in this section? Please write your suggestions here. | The abstract is well-structured and contains all necessary components.  Change the sentence “this research hopes to provide insights” to “this research aims to…” | Noted and done. |
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