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To Whom It May Concern:

I have become aware of technical errors within my dissertation and would like to make corrections in the public document.

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Title: The Development And Validation Of An Instrument To Measure Preservice Teachers' Self-Efficacy In Regard To The Teaching Of Science As Inquiry.

Corrections:

1. Page 30: Quotations marks should be added to each of the research questions presented within the first full paragraph. Also a page number should be added to the citation (Crawford, 1999, p. 176-177).
2. Page 34: The second sentence of the second paragraph should be cited (Bandura, 1997).
3. Page 35: The last sentence of the first paragraph should be cited (Bandura, 1997).
4. Page 35: The first two sentences of the first full paragraph should read:
"Efficacy appraisals are partly influenced by vicarious experiences mediated through modeled attainments. So modeling serves as another effective tool for promoting a sense of personal efficacy" (Bandura, 1997, p. 86).
5. Page 35: The fifth sentence of the first full paragraph should read: "In general, modeled successes by similar others raise observers' beliefs in their own efficacy, and modeled failures lower...the observers beliefs in their own efficacy" (Bandura, 1997, p. 96).
6. Page 35: The last sentence of the first full paragraph should read:
"Although vicarious experiences are generally weaker than direct ones, under some conditions vicarious influences can override the impact of direct experience" (Bandura, 1997, p. 88).
7. Page 35: the third sentence of the third paragraph should have a citation following it (Bandura, 1997).
8. Page 36: The first full sentence should read: Although "verbal persuasion alone may be limited in its power to create enduring increases in perceived efficacy..." Chambliss and Murray (1979a, 1979b) have found it to be most beneficial for people who have some reason to believe that they can produce desirable effects through their actions (as cited in Bandura, 1997, p. 101).
9. Page 36: The third sentence of the first full paragraph should have quotation marks and a page number in the citation (Bandura, 1997, p. 106).
10. Page 37: The first sentence of the second full paragraph should have a citation following it (Bandura, 1997).
11. Page 38: After the fifth sentence a citation should occur (Bandura, 1997)

Thank you for your attention to these corrections.

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