

"Force school staff to get vaccinated before it's too late." The appeal comes from school administrators who are concerned about ensuring a return to school in the presence but also in safety. An imperative that does not find the same pressure with regard to children aged 12 to 18: in this case the principals are more prudent and the students themselves would like to focus on awareness before reaching the obligation.

The topic is on the table of the Minister of Education Patrizio Bianchi, who wanted to personally participate in the meeting with the trade unions to define the new safety protocol this afternoon. A face to face that ended with yet another gray smoke: the unions asked once again to receive clear indications from the political decision-maker on the vaccination obligation of school staff and on distancing.

Antonello Giannelli, president of the National Principal Association was punctual: "It is essential to clarify whether vaccination makes the distancing measure superfluous, also considering the significant share of school staff vaccinated up to now.

Vaccination of students

Furthermore, we cannot ignore the question of the (about four million): it is a considerable organizational effort and therefore a decisive commitment is needed given the very tight deadlines ". But not only. Giannelli touched on another topic that has so far remained in the drawer: "The procedure for tracing and quarantining in the case of positive students (or teachers) should be reviewed: if the one in force last year is maintained, it will be inevitable to resort to dad again. "



Thursday the issue will be addressed in the Council of Ministers from where a decree could come out if a majority agreement is found. According to rumors gathered in the corridors of viale Trastevere, despite the intention to go towards the vaccination requirement from the summit between Bianchi and the premier, everything could slip again to focus primarily on an awareness campaign and use the coercive weapon only as a last resort.

It is no coincidence that this afternoon the professor from Ferrara launched a video appeal to get vaccinated on social networks. From the headmasters front, the voice regarding the obligation for school staff (222 thousand people on the planet have no education yet) is unambiguous: "In addition to school staff, there is also a vaccine requirement for students who can do so. .

But we must also consider all possibilities regarding alternatives for the unvaccinated. If the latter were to be a significant percentage, one of the alternatives could be Dad but we would like to understand how to avoid unequal treatment, "said the president of the National Association of Principals. To lend a hand to Giannelli, on the other hand, are his colleagues in the trenches.

Roberta Mozzi is the head of the institute of the "Torriani" of Cremona, the largest school in the city: "I make a simple reasoning: we were given vaccinations and no one had to say anything. Remember that we managers as employers have a responsibility for health in the place where we operate. On pain of the return of distance learning in a short time ".

Mozzi does not totally agree with Giannelli on alternative solutions for unvaccinated pupils: "Families who do not want their children to do it should choose parental education". Alfonso D'Ambrosio, dean of the institute including Lozzo Atestino poses another problem in support of the compulsory nature of teachers: "A public employee who does not vaccinate risks illness and the State should take on a series of substitutes that cannot be admitted. Not only.

What message do give to the kids?

".Giovanna Mezzatesta, director of the "Bottoni" high school in Milan also agrees on the obligation to vaccinate teachers while she sees the same possibility impossible for children: "If a pupil does not get vaccinated, will you prevent him from having the right to education? Or do I dad him and not the others? ".

Totally positive, however, the opinion of Marco De Prospo, head of the "Don Milani" institute of Ariano Irpino: "I had to deal with a denier janitor and I know how difficult it is to convince people who do not want to get vaccinated or bring the mask. It is right to oblige the children too, perhaps by maturing in them a greater awareness ".

The number one of "Don Milani" is among other things certain that the youngest have the desire to get immunized: from a survey carried out by his school on 120 eighth grade boys it emerged that 100% wanted to get vaccinated and were willing to explain to others the reasons. On the other hand, Ludovico Arte, dean of the "Marco Polo" institute in Florence, who has a different position from his colleagues: "

I am in favor of vaccines but against the obligation. 85% of the teachers are vaccinated, with persuasion it could be reached 95% without problems. If he were obliged, I would ask myself a question: what happens to the teacher who does not want to vaccinate? Fine? Dismissal?". Arte also raises some questions regarding the obligation for children: "

I booked the vaccination for my teenage son, mind you. However, France has established that everyone's right to education prevails over vaccination. Also it must be said that it is impossible to immunize all children for September 15th. There is a risk of not letting a student go to the classroom not because of him but because the government left late with the vaccines.

Anyone who is against the obligation to vaccinate is not a no vax

". And the students? So far they have not been heard. Ilfattoquotidiano.it has intercepted some of them to understand what they think of the vaccination obligation. Camilla Velotta of the "Maffei" high school in Verona, 18, took the first dose on June 25 and the second will be the first of next month: "We were able to see that last year there was a need to have more guarantees.



The measures taken have not always been grasped. I do not exclude the obligation but the rights of those who do not get the vaccine due to personal problems must be respected: these companions should not be excluded from the classroom ". The opinion of Elisa Dini, 17, attending the "XXV Aprile" high school in Pontedera is different.

She has already taken the first dose, she is waiting for the second: "We want to return safely. The obligation may seem too coercive, but we rather focus on raising awareness among students. The ministry has to do a job: eliminate fake news and doubts that are plausible. We need scientific data ".

Francesco Gitto, 17, from the "Impallomeni" high school in Milazzo, will do the second dose tomorrow but he would rely on the choice of the Technical Scientific Committee on the obligation: "It is a complex question. Doctors have to decide ". The same opinion is that of Federico Allegretti, coordinator of the network of middle students: "

It must be the scientific community that has to express itself. In my opinion, every possible solution must be taken to protect the health of those who go to school. There is a need to complete the vaccination campaign. Children are inclined to vaccination and have already shown it. The question is to explain the need for the vaccine ". Meanwhile, the appeal of Minister Bianchi is circulating online: "The work we are carrying out is complex, we are committed as a government, together with the territories and local institutions, with trade unions, with individual schools, with families.

It is a team effort, which calls everyone to their share of responsibility. Each of us can do something, he can make his own contribution. Getting vaccinated is how each of us can make ourselves and others safe. It is an act of collective responsibility and solidarity. It means taking care of ourselves and others. The vaccine is the key that science has given us to return to our normalcy " .