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## The City removes the phone mast in a school

The phone mast in the elementary school Victor-Hugo (LYON) has been dismantled and phone masts in three other schools are to be stopped during school periods: the City agreed yesterday to take a step in favour of the precautionary principle.

"You keep talking about measures, but have you measured the concerns of parents who bring their children here every day ? "

There was some level of turmoil last night in a Victor Hugo school where concern had not diminished ever since a second case of serious illness \* was revealed in early January

(\*Next-up Editor's note: Leukemia [cancer of the blood] and lymphoma [cancer of the lymphatic system end december 2007] on children about 10 years old in a classroom on the 2nd Floor located a few meters away from a base station and from an electrical cabinet on a roof terrace).

A determined reception committee was awaiting Yves Fournel Deputy Assistant to Education. Announced as the emissary of the Mayor of Lyon Gerard Collomb, the official was accompanied by Sylvie Guillaume (Health), Gilles Buna (City planning) and Nathalie Perrin-Gilbert mayor of the 1st arrondissement. Dr. Ritter Director of Urban Ecology was there as an observer. But the real representative of Gerard Collomb was Jean-François Lanneluc.

Faced with the determination of parents and because the rumour of the dismantling of the SFR base station SFR had run, the chief of staff felt it was time to announce it would be the case for the elementary school Victor Hugo. The turning off of the base station last Wednesday was indeed deemed insufficient by parents that have been mobilized for years.

"We demand the withdrawal of base stations. We also ask that the City makes the same thing in other schools in Lyon that are faced with the problem. And that it opens discussions with operators to lower the threshold to 0.6 volt / meter. We also wish that independent measurements be implemented and that continuous control terminals be purchased", summed up spokesperson of the parents.

**Included among the commitments made last night were the interruption of operation of phone masts during school periods,**

the launch of independent measurements of electromagnetic fields in the concerned schools (Albert-Camus, Lamartine and Gerson) and the organisation of a major conference.

Parents however said they were "moderately" reassured after the appointment. The "dead school" operation scheduled Tuesday, February 5 is not lifted. They expect the mail confirming the dismantling.

"We regret not having been invited to this meeting reports Licour Benedict, director External Relations of SFR Central East. Nathalie Perrin-Gilbert committed to arrange a meeting with the parents. We are still waiting."

Appraised last night by the parents for his constancy, the Mayor of the 1st arrondissement (LYON) had already taken action more than a year ago, in favour of the precautionary principle.

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