

Argument between students: the father intervenes and knocks down the classmate

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He ended up in the emergency room after being hit by his schoolmate's father. It happened to a second-year pupil of the **Righi middle school in Varese**: “It was a very serious episode,” comments the **manager Giovanni Ballarini**, “a fact that should not have happened, especially since the students had been at the Nuovo theatre to watch a film against bullying.”

According to the first reconstruction, **the two classmates argued and then, with the whole class, they went to the theatre.** Before leaving, however, the teacher wrote a note on the electronic register of both of them. On the way back from the theatre, while walking in a row along the pavement, near **the school, the parent of one of the students involved in the argument punched the classmate.** A sudden gesture that caught everyone by surprise so much so that the teacher was unable to intervene to defend the boy.

At that point the alarm went off: **the ambulance arrived and took the student to the hospital** for a check-up while a police car came to clarify what occurred and interrogate the father.

“As school we deplore the gesture,” comments Ballarini, “I was personally in the class of the boys involved and I reassured them. **The negative example of adults creates a lot of confusion among the students:** we are committed to fighting bullying and to stop any kind of abuse. These episodes create a heavy climate. Even the school office was informed of the episode.”

The first aid report is now awaited to quantify any injuries suffered by the child; the police reminded the injured boy's parents of the possibility of filing a lawsuit.

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