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The opposition has demanded the resignation of Jean-Michel Blanquer. The Minister of Education has been criticized for being on vacation in Ibiza when he announced the new health protocol in schools. This new controversy falls at the worst moment for the minister, with a new call to strike launched for this Thursday by teachers' and parents' unions.

Social and medico-social professionals will also strike in cities across the country today, at the call of several unions. Psychologists, special educators, and social workers will be protesting for recognition of their profession and the same salary increases as those granted to their caregiver colleagues.

In Nice, one person has been seriously injured this morning in a fire that broke out in an apartment. The victim was tended to by emergency services present on the scene, and the building was evacuated, with a total of 20 firefighters engaged in this operation.

The Assemblée Nationale will today examine a bill to protect children from cyberbullying, violent content, and pornography. The text proposes forcing manufacturers of connected devices to include parental controls. If this bill is adopted, parents will be able to choose whether or not to activate this device, which will be installed by default when the device is first put into service.

One week after the death of the President of the European Parliament, David Sassoli, and MEPs will vote today for his successor. The Maltese Conservative MP Roberta Metsola is a favorite. An MEP since 2013 and Vice-President of Parliament since 2020, she is known for her opposition to the right to abortion.

And finally, tennis at the Australian Open. It was a complicated night for the French. The first round saw the elimination of Hugo Gaston, Ugo Humbert, Caroline Garcia, Clara

Burel, and Océane Dodin. Benoit Paire, Richard Gasquet, and Alizé Cornet made it through.