

Thousands of deaf children DEPEND on their FM System for success in school. Without it, they cannot hear the teacher. I am appalled that in this day and age, when education is such a high priority for our nation, the FCC is planning to auction off the 216-217 MHz frequency at which FM Systems operate.

What is an FM System? Basically it has two parts: the teacher wears a microphone, which then broadcasts over an FM frequency directly to the child's hearing aid. The child can then hear the teacher's voice over all the other noises in the room, such as chairs scraping on the floor, other kids talking, papers shuffling, heating systems humming, etc.

Can you understand how VITAL it is to preserve the 216-217 MHz frequencies for these children? To take opportunities for success in school away from kids for the profit of some commercial interest would be no less than criminal.

My little 13-month-old deaf son, Justin, does not yet have an FM System but he will need one when he enters pre-school at age 3. PLEASE do not rob our nation's deaf children of their most crucial educational tool.

Sincerely,  
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Parent of a deaf child