

From: JEFFREY AVELLANET
To: microsoft.atr
Date: 11/20/01 4:06pm
Subject: Microsoft Settlement

After reading the recent press releases regarding the settlement of a raft of private antitrust cases that would require the company to spend over a \$1 billion to put software and computers into some of the poorest U.S. schools, I nearly fainted.

This settlement would --

- * Cost virtually nothing to Microsoft except the cost of some CD's and old, refurbished computers that they can get for next to nothing.
- * Give Microsoft an excellent PR opportunity.
- * Give Microsoft the opportunity to make money off of the children/schools via their "Passport" service, which is geared to make money from all transactions the user places through his/her computer.
- * And, most ludicrously, give Microsoft even more market share than it already has by unseating Apple as the dominant provider of computers to grades K-12! Let me repeat the irony of this -- Microsoft has been ruled a monopoly, so as punishment, they are given more market share! Ridiculous!

If anything, the company should be required to donate the Apple or Linux products instead of their own!

How on earth did it go from a break-up of the company, to giving them more market share on a silver platter?

Jeff Avellanet
(concerned citizen!)