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Having worked in the computer industry for more than 20 years I have seen the bennefit TRUE competition as done for our industry. The current Microsoft settlement does nothing to promote competition and in fact further promotes Microsoft's monopoly into the education market. In the future, the underfunded schools will be forced to pay for upgrading Microsoft software. This is an expense our schools can't afford. Additionally the true cost of the software Microsoft plans to donate is significantly less than the list price. A better solution would be to have Microsoft pay cash to the schools and allow the schools to spend to money on what ever they wish or non-Microsoft platforms. Redhat has offered to donate Linux for free. Let Microsoft buy the hardware. Or let the schools buy Apple computers. I would prefer to see Microsoft broken up in to an operating system company and an application company.

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