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To whom it may concern:

Here is what I would like to see happen in this case.

With Microsoft's APIs and file formats fully standardized, documented and published, other software vendors could compete fairly -- which, after all, is what antitrust laws are supposed to promote. We might then be faced with a welcome but long unfamiliar sight: a healthy software market, driven, as today's processor market is, by genuine competition.

Also, I would hope any settlement would not let Microsoft assert itself into the education market where it does not have a monopoly YET. If Microsoft is to donate to schools, let it be in the form of money and not Microsoft products. Then the schools would be able to choose the systems and software that best meets their needs.

Thank you and remember the little guys you are fighting for.

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