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Today I read that Microsoft's proposed settlement with the government over the antitrust complaints may include a donation by Microsoft of computers to U.S. schools.

This is absurd. This goes completely counter to the original problem, e.g., abuse of monopoly power, since this settlement will undoubtedly reinforce that monopoly.

The only terms under which this type of settlement could make sense were if Microsoft were required to donate equipment (software, etc) from other companies.

Please don't let this settlement proceed as is. Alas, I fear the taste for enforcing antitrust has left the Justice department.

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