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I may not know all the details of the settlement, but I think this is just another slap on the wrist for Microsoft. I do know in the settlement that the school systems do not have to use Microsoft products. Basically this settlement is a payoff for Microsoft. Microsoft is getting a few things out of this. One of the groups that is suing them is now off of their back, Microsoft gets to look good by "donating" money to poor school systems, they have an opportunity to take over another area of software that they are not the market leaders (school systems), and they proceed as normal in their business practices. I am not saying MS should be split up, but I'm not against that either. They treat OEM's and even consumers like crap. Just look at the new licensing agreements. These new licensing agreements are just a slap in the face of all them people settling their cases against MS.

Please do something that could get more consumer choice in the OS and app market.

Thanks,
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PS - Don't you think all the virus problems are enough evidence that there needs to be more choice and competition?