Suppliers to education are under threat as the single I purchaser paradigm is challenged.

What will replace it? That part not at all clear but the proliferation of PDF readers with clever annotation and markup, but in the cloud will NOT satisfy needs as it is too slow even on gigabit networks with optic fibre feed!...many schools are adsl and nowhere near T1 speed. Even so, it's still unresponsive.

The content needs be on the device, or wifi nearby on school GB servers. GAFE offers much but still needs work! (GAFE=Google apps for education)

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## Mitch Ward

Director of Technology at Carondelet High School

I find it interesting that laptops/netbooks are listed as the most wanted devices yet this is an advertisement pushing iPads and SecurEdge Networks. Students in our high school prefer laptops. We rolled out a BYOD program with our frosh students last year. Only 4 out of 200 chose iPads. In spite of this overwhelming preference for laptops our administration chose to go with iPads with this year's frosh class because this is what other schools are doing, not to mention all the hype from Apple. So much for student empowerment.

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## Tandra Ericson

Assistive Technology Specialist at Mt. Diablo Unified School District

Mitch, I appreciate your comments and can't agree more. My own two sons both prefer laptops over tablets - especially when doing things like coding, taking a MOOC, typing for long-term papers, more in depth research with multiple applications running at once.

However, there are some strong benefits to tablets that make them preferable for me to recommend - one of the biggest being that I can get them much faster than a laptop to students due to issues with our tech department, I also have much more freedom in determining the best supportive apps needed as well as the significant difference in the cost of software programs over apps that functionally provide similar if not better features - for about a 1/3 of the cost, I can get a tablet with an excellent ereader, annotation pdf, ocr functions, voice recognition and word processor with word prediction, spell check etc much faster than I could get an extremely heavy and large laptop with Kurzweil and Dragon, which have a much higher learning curve to be functional.

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