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Dear Editor,

The E-learning issues have recently arouse public concerns. A new report has suggested that schools will be almost entirely dependent on computers in the future. Nevertheless, do we really need E-learning ? I disagree with the claims of the report due to three reasons ranging from function, cost-effectiveness and adversely effects of E-learning software.

First and foremost, I cast doubt on the function of the learning software that many cause students learn little eventually. Some people may argue that students can receive interactive and collaborative learning through the software. However, I think students are rebellious in their tender age as they are not mature enough. As result, students may be distract by a series of social media applications, such as Facebook and Instagram instead of using the learning software. As a result, this misbehavior of students may cause the software not working as its original aim.

Secondly, it is not cost-effective to apply E-learning at schools. Some people may argued that it is more environment - friendly as it save numerous of paper. Nevertheless, the operation cost of E-learning is high, as we need to update the learning software regularly. Moreover, the charging of battery consume considerable amount of energy that require burning of fossil fuel. So I think it is also not environment-friendly and cost-effective to use learning software through digital gadgets.

Last but not least, E-learning may harm the health of students, not only their physical health, but also their mental health. A long period of using digital devices with wrong posture may cause displacement of students' backbone. Also, students look at the blue-light screen in long period can causes short-sight. More essentially, they lose interactions with classmates and teachers and may eventually develop anti-social behaviors.

To conclude, I disagree that E-learning may entirely dependent on computers in the future, as it will bring a series of adversely effects that potentially affect the students.