

How To Use The **SOS: Support Our Strings** PowerPoint* Presentation

Who may use this presentation?

Support Our Strings (SOS) may be used by various groups looking to advance, keep, or begin strings programs in community schools. Teachers, parents, students, and other music advocates will find this presentation full of helpful and truthful information regarding strings programs in schools.

Who is the intended audience for this presentation?

Other parents, principals, school officials, and school board members are just a few of the groups that would benefit from seeing this presentation. You may also take information from **SOS** and use it when writing a letter-to-the-editor, an op/ed, or a fact-sheet that you could submit to local media sources. *Use CapWiz to find a complete list of media outlets in your area.*

I've completed the download – now what?

- Open **SOS**.
- Locate the Toolbar at the top of your screen.
- Click on VIEW.
- Scroll down and click on NORMAL.
- Look through the presentation and look over the slides. You will notice a couple of things:
 - GREEN TEXT IN ALL CAPS** – this is meant for YOU to change. The green text tells you what you should fill in. i.e.: Your school's name, personal stories, statistics, etc.
 - Notes at the bottom of each slide.** The small white “NOTES” section contains:
 - References (in parenthesis)
 - Directions on what to do with that particular slide.
 - »For instance, the SAT graph slides inform you on how to explain the graph and data to your audience.
 - A short dialogue to help introduce the slide.

Familiarize yourself with the content of SOS before presenting it to a group.

Try to expand on the information on the slide by incorporating personal stories and information rather than just reading straight from the slide. The information contained in **SOS** is very straightforward, accurate, and clear. If anyone in your audience has questions regarding the presentation material, refer them to the references listed. References are listed in each slide's NOTES section and in totality on the last slide titled REFERENCES.

If you have any questions regarding **SOS**, please contact the Public Affairs Assistant.
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*Note: In order to use SOS, you must have Microsoft PowerPoint on your computer.

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