

## 10 Q's and 10 A's (part 2): A FAQ about all those red signs.

### 1. What's the deal with all those red signs going up around town this week?

They are associated with a group that organized mid-summer against building a second high school in Harrisonburg.

### 2. Aren't all those signs illegal?

No, not if they are on private property and posted with the permission of the landowner. If they are on public property or on public right-of-way, they should be removed. Contact Public Works with any concerns.

### 3. Who is behind it?

A group called SOS, which stands for Students Over Structures. You may have received a flyer in the mail from the SOS group earlier this month.

### 4. Where is the money coming from?

SOS has legally and financially organized as a PAC. The latest financial report from this PAC can be downloaded here. The report lists donors and expenditures. <http://cfreports.sbe.virginia.gov/Report/Index/121108> Click on the "download" button along the right side of the screen to get a copy of the file.

### 5. I've looked at the donors. Is the Forbes in the report the same Forbes that JMU's Performing Arts Center is named for?

Yes. Mr. Forbes is a Harrisonburg resident and city/county developer. He has given generously to many causes over the years.

### 6. Have the members of this group been involved in any other political actions?

Yes. Some current SOS supporters spoke 2 years ago against Bluestone Elementary School during the public hearings. See, for example, comments in the minutes of the April 2015 Harrisonburg Planning Commission meeting at this link, beginning on page 15: <https://tinyurl.com/ybxn8ljt>

### 7. Where can I go if I want to find out more about this group?

They have a facebook site here: <https://www.facebook.com/Students-Over-Structures-1530774663611326/>

### 8. Is the information on the red signs and on the Facebook SOS site correct?

As of today, Thursday, Oct. 12, no site has been selected, no architects formally hired, no design submitted, and no construction bids accepted. We don't know yet how much a second high school will cost. For more information, see the HCPS Space committee site:

<http://harrisonburg.k12.va.us/Community/High-School-Space-Study>

And the first HHS FAQ, which answers more general questions about the current overcrowding:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B0DxR8vfYfMONjUtVjB5MVd1a3c/view>

### 9. Is anyone organizing in opposition to this group?

Yes. A local group of residents, who call themselves FoRHHS2. FoR stands for Future of Rocktown.

### 10. Where can I find out more about this other group that opposes SOS?

They have a website here <http://forhhs2.org/> and a facebook page here <https://www.facebook.com/forhhs2/>