

**The following list of points of evidence relate to the enclosed *Analysis of Data* packet to support the case of the EOS-Tolland Co-op and is provided for convenience. Page references are included at the end of each numbered point.**

- 1) A 25-year co-op history, one of the oldest in CT. (See description of co-op history.)
- 2) 39% of hockey programs now exist as co-ops (p. 2)—up from previous years. A far higher percentage than any other sport. The CIAC should seek to better understand the variables that create this truth, and treat hockey as a separate entity with a different set of issues when determining acceptable co-op numbers. Ultimately, there should be a mechanism for individual co-ops to present their own case, as we all deal with different factors.
- 3) The EOS-Tolland co-op draws from a much smaller overall population of students than the average co-op (17<sup>th</sup> out of 22). This is because the program continually provides more access to the sport by offering a jv schedule. Evidence clearly shows this. (p. 3-6)
- 4) We have given a hockey opportunity to 88 JV only hockey players over 13 years, an average of 7 per year. (p.6) Last season, with slightly higher numbers than usual, we were able to provide an exclusively JV hockey experience to 12 players.
- 5) Varsity numbers are in line with those of other programs. (p.6)
- 6) Total participation in the program, while varying slightly from year to year, averages 29.5 players over 13 years. (p.5) In ten of those years, Tolland numbers have been higher than the E.O. Smith numbers.
- 7) The E.O. Smith-Tolland program does not enjoy a competitive advantage due to larger numbers. Over 13 seasons, the varsity record is 140-134-10 (p.7). During that time, the program has provided 118 JV games. Last season, higher than usual numbers, the varsity team was 5-5 in the all-co-op CCC South, and 9-12-1 overall. (p.8)
- 8) E.O. Smith-Tolland has been an honest partner in the CIAC. After reaching the Division III finals twice in 2014 and 2015, the program moved to Division II. The varsity team has competed there for three years, with a 1-3 record, and first-round eliminations in each of the past two years.
- 9) This co-op makes clear geographical sense for both schools. (p.10)