



## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

### **CLARIFICATION ON GROSSE ILE ROWING BOTTLE & CAN FUNDRAISER**

July 29, 2020

GROSSE ILE, MI - As the primary booster organization for the Grosse Ile High School rowing program, the Grosse Ile Rowing Club follows all Grosse Ile Township Schools and Athletic Department fundraising guidelines. The following statement seeks to answer any questions regarding the status of the bi-annual bottle and can drives and clarify our current status.

Since the early 2000's, all GIHS sports teams and clubs have been required to submit a "Student Activity Fund Management and Fund Raisers" form to request approval for fundraising activities. The GIHS Crew submits this form for the spring and fall can drives, as well as other fundraisers for approval at the beginning of every school year. At the time this process was initiated, the GIHS crew was granted ownership of these fundraisers as long as procedures were followed.

Due to the increasing number of COVID-19 cases and the State of Michigan's suspension of bottle and can redemption, the GIRC worked with Athletic Director Jim Okler to postpone the annual spring bottle and can drive fundraiser originally scheduled for April 18.

While restrictions have eased, it is currently not logistically possible to hold a successful bottle and can drive while keeping our student-athletes safe. We are hopeful that we can safely continue in the near future and appreciate the support of the community and everyone that donates to the rowing program's success. If you would like to make a gift or contribute in other ways to the Grosse Ile Rowing Club, please go to <https://www.girowing.com/take-action>.

Sincerely,  
Eric Flessland  
President, Grosse Ile Rowing Club