



Gladstone Youth Football

July 30, 2020

Dear Parent(s) and Guardian(s):

The GYF program has been in existence for decades, originally starting at the Bay Shore Athletic Field, commonly known as the Bob Young Youth Football League. It has been a place where Gladstone 7th and 8th graders were introduced, learned, and competed in the wonderful sport of football. The program has grown immensely, initially designed as an intramural program for Gladstone junior high students, to what is today, a program where our student athletes compete with other schools in the U.P. and finish their season playing in the Superior Dome. We have come a long way. The program is self-funded, supported by our community and its volunteers. If it weren't for our hometown community support, GYF would never have lasted this long. For all of your efforts these past many years, I want to thank you.

That being said, it is with a heavy heart that I announce that there will be no youth football this year, 2020/21. Due to COVID-19 and state mandated regulations on social distancing and face-to-face contact, it has been decided to err on the side of caution and keep our student athletes safe. It is our hope and plan to restart GYF in the 2021/22 school year, assuming steps have been taken to solve the COVID-19 problem, making it a safe place for our student athletes to compete once again. My apologies for any inconvenience this may cause.

If you have questions please call:

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