

NEWSLETTER

Fairfield Equity Coalition's Weekly Newsletter



Fairfield Equity Coalition is a youth-led organization taking local action to reimagine Fairfield's definition of what constitutes a comprehensive education. Our goal is to push for equitable policy and curriculum changes within Fairfield Public Schools while raising awareness on injustices against marginalized populations within our community.

Welcome to our **tenth** newsletter! This edition explores our efforts to engage the Fairfield community and its leaders as we prepare to publish our report. We look forward to hearing from you once the report is released. We appreciate your continued interest in our coalition!

COALITION UPDATE

FEC spent the past week reaching out to community organizations and leaders. As we prepare to publish our report, we want to include as many members of the Fairfield community in the ensuing discussion on working towards racial equity within Fairfield Public Schools. Our members on the Civic Engagement committee developed a broad Statement of Support document that allows local officials, whether they be in Fairfield's government or from other organizations, to sign in their support of the report's ultimate objectives. Our efforts to promote racial equity in FPS must include those who are directly responsible for implementing these changes for the well-being of all students.

In addition to our leaders' support, we ask the Fairfield community at large - anyone interested in joining this conversation - to share their thoughts and concerns. Our report, its summary, and other relevant materials will be posted on our website and linked to on our social media pages so everyone can be involved in this process.

Finally, we hope FPS students, teachers, and staff remain safe and healthy as they return to school this week!

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LOCAL HAPPENINGS

- **Thursday, September 10, 12-1 PM:** "History of Environmental Justice and Racial Policies in Connecticut" webinar hosted by the [CT Coalition for Environmental Justice](#). Learn from Executive Director Sharon Lewis about how historical and current systemic racism has harmed BIPOC communities in CT. Details [here](#).
- **Saturday, September 12, 4-10 PM:** "Camp Out to Stamp Out Homelessness" virtual event hosted by the [Connecticut Coalition to End Homelessness](#). Join in the effort to raise funds for those experiencing homelessness and learn about the realities of homelessness in Connecticut. Details and donation information [here](#).

ACTION ITEM *a way to make a difference today*

The students of FPS return to the classroom this week for the beginning of the new academic year. FPS has spent the summer diligently planning its re-opening in light of the COVID-19 pandemic. As the first week of classes begin, we encourage anyone interested in voicing their comments or concerns about FPS's [Reopening Plan](#) to submit a [public comment](#) for Tuesday (9/8) evening's Board of Education virtual meeting, in which Superintendent Cummings [will update](#) the Board on the district's reopening.

THIS WEEK WE'RE...

Listening to "[Why Teachers Aren't Ready to Reopen Schools](#)" from [The Daily](#), a podcast by [The New York Times](#). This episode examines the benefits to in-person learning versus the risks it poses to a school and the public at large during the COVID-19 pandemic. As many schools across the country begin to open for in-person instruction, like our very own here in Fairfield, learn more about the complicated debate over how best to start the coming school year.

GET INVOLVED

We are always seeking new members and leaders! If you are a current student or alumni of FPS and are interested in further involvement, please [fill out this survey](#). If you are a teacher, administrator, parent, or Fairfield resident, please email us at fairfeldequitycoalition@gmail.com to get involved.

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