

NEWSLETTER

Fairfield Equity Coalition's Weekly Newsletter



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Coalition

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 **forty-ninth** newsletter! As a community newsletter, we encourage our readership to reach out with suggested items. Thank you for your continued interest in our coalition!

COALITION UPDATE

Over the course of this week, we have been working internally as an organization to solidify our values and ensure the continued membership of existing members. One of the keys to a strong and long-running organization that produces results is a team that shares the same core values and understands what they're working towards.

Externally, the President of the FEC met with our Community Club. The Community Club is open to all middle school students in Fairfield and other neighboring towns, and its primary function is as a book club. Any middle school student who is interested in joining to read and discuss books related to equity and social issues can join at any time. This week, the community Club had a discussion on what books they would like to read and discuss with FEC in the coming months, so it is a perfect time to get involved!

On our Instagram, we have continued to honor Hispanic Heritage month with a collection of various posts related to how you can celebrate this important time of the year. Some posts from the past week include information about the History of Hispanic Heritage Month, the importance of celebrating it, books to educate children on Hispanic Heritage Month, and a post dedicated to important Hispanic and Latino Artists. Check them out on our Instagram [here](#).

Thanks for reading the newsletter as always, and please consider getting involved with our work if you aren't already! Enjoy your week.

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LOCAL HAPPENINGS

- Wednesday, October 3rd, 5:30 - 7:00 PM at the Tsai Center For Innovative Thinking: Yale University is hosting Monica Wheat to discuss how we can better include everybody in our workplaces. Tickets are free, registration is required beforehand. [Info Here](#)
- All Week, 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM at the Building One Community Center: Building One Community is hosting the Metamorphosis art show, a collection of pieces celebrating diversity and inclusion in our communities. Entry is free, and the exhibit is open all week. [More info here.](#)

ACTION ITEM *a way to make a difference today*

The Red Cross is hosting blood drives all across Connecticut throughout the beginning of October, making it easy for anyone to make an appointment and donate. We all know how important extra medical supplies are, and this recent health crisis highlights how we can never be too prepared or organized for a disaster in which others need our support. If you are able to, please consider scheduling an appointment to donate blood [here](#).

THIS WEEK WE'RE...

Reading about the bipartisan panel on drug costs organized by Connecticut Legislatures this past week. A group of legislatures from both sides of the aisle convened with the same goal of discussing new strategies on how to lower drug costs across the state. A slate of experts from around the country came to discuss what they see as unjust, unreasonable, and unnecessary increases in drug prices since after World War II, and what lawmakers should do to ensure that their constituents can afford critical medications.

Between 2014-2018, the average cost of healthcare in the United States has increased 18%, a general indicator of the rapidly rising costs in the entire sector. Many speakers criticized the private equity model for healthcare and said that these models usually lead to higher costs for the customer and lower quality of care. Though many new policy suggestions were proposed at the meeting, nearly all of them had consistent themes of increased regulation of drug and medical companies, as well as a potential for adopting other state's policies, like Rhode Island's model of strictly reviewing hospital mergers, which can severely increase the cost of care for the average patient. Affordable medical care is a critical equity issue we have been dealing with as a country for years, and it is pertinent that our lawmakers address it.

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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