

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 **seventeenth** newsletter! Please reach out with recommended items for future editions of this newsletter. Thank you for your continued interest in our coalition!

COALITION UPDATE

Last week, our Publicity Committee began publishing a social media series on voting and election FAQs. Because voting by mail in Connecticut is well underway, the election *ends* on Tuesday, November 3rd; please visit our social media pages if you have not yet voted to make sure you can cast your ballot in time.

This week, our President, Lynnaija Brevard, and Editorial Executive, Ian Leighton, will make our initial presentation to the BOE to formally introduce the coalition and submit the Teacher Survey for approval to disseminate within district channels. We are looking forward to this meeting!

Meanwhile, our Policy Committees are busy preparing our website and other platforms for the publication of our report. We want to make the full report and its summary accessible to anyone interested in their contents. As we have stressed from the beginning, we want to queue the entire Fairfield community into these conversations around promoting racial equity in FPS.

Finally, our Countywide Collaboration Committee is continuing to network with other advocacy organizations with the hopes of partnering in upcoming projects.

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LOCAL HAPPENINGS

- **Thursday, October 29, 1 PM - 2 PM:** "Funding Options for Hispanic Owned Businesses in the 'Missing Middle' Gap" webinar hosted by SCORE Fairfield County. Gain a better understanding of the funding options that exist for Hispanic-owned small businesses. Registration required. Details here.
- **Saturday, October 31, 7 AM - 4 PM at 1 Pequot Street, Hartford:** "The Capital Flea Market" recurring outdoor market. Shop for clothes, jewelry, art, and so much more from local Black-owned businesses. Masks and social distancing required. Details here.

ACTION ITEM *a way to make a difference today*

Developing an anti-racist mindset is a continual process that takes great time and effort. Even though it may seem like a daunting task, we can all make small changes to our everyday lives to un-learn our racial biases and misconceptions. The Anti-Racist Teaching and Learning Collective (ARTLC) has begun releasing a newsletter to highlight efforts to promote anti-racism in CT classrooms, like local events and policy initiatives. Similar to our own newsletter, these updates can further inform us all on the ways in which we can promote anti-racism in ourselves and communities. To sign up for this newsletter, please email info@antiracistteaching.org.

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Reading the article "Teachers Can Take on Anti-Racist Teaching. But Not Alone" by Madeline Will for Education Week. Like our own data and anecdotal evidence suggest, Ms. Will reveals many teachers want to un-learn their racial biases to better serve their BIPOC students, but lack the necessary institutional support to begin this process. To fix this, writes Will, districts must provide their teachers and staff with the trainings and resources needed to understand -- and then tackle -- the complex issues of racism in education, so all students can achieve equal learning outcomes.

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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