

# 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 **forty-second** 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

Yesterday marked Nelson Mandela Day, honoring the South African revolutionary and former President. Check out our [Instagram post](#) honoring his impact and legacy.

Also check out our [Instagram series](#) on the topic of BIPOC health and resources in honor of Minority Mental Health Awareness Month.

This month, FEC is continuing our work with FPS and Superintendent Cummings to develop proper protocol surrounding incidents of racism and bias within the district. We plan to discuss the trauma surrounding the n-word, in both its historical and present day contexts, while developing actionable steps to address potential future incidents. We hope this collaboration creates both a new infrastructure and environment that prevent racist incidents from occurring and properly mitigates them when they occur.

Continue to keep up with our coalition's work through this newsletter, like our upcoming local food drive, the details to which are forthcoming!

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### LOCAL HAPPENINGS

- **Monday, July 19th, 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM at 1678 Asylum Ave., West Hartford:** "Free Summer Program for College-Bound Students" multi-day event hosted by the University of St. Joseph. Engage with college level material and helpful, supportive skill building workshops in preparation for your freshman year. Registration required. Details here.
- **Saturday, July 24th, 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM at 45 Lyon Terrace, Bridgeport:** "March for Medicare For All" solidarity event. Join the march from City Hall Park to Main Street to push Congressman Himes to co-sponsor H.R. 1976 and actively fight for Medicare For All. Registration encouraged. Details here.

### ACTION ITEM *a way to make a difference today*

The nation's low blood donation supply continues to pose a challenge during a summer when demand has been unusually high. The Red Cross is seeking collections to meet hospital demand. As an essential component to healthcare, blood donation directly contributes to the equitable treatment of patients in need of life-saving transfusions. If you are able and willing to donate, the Red Cross will be setting up a donation station on Tuesday, 7/20 from 9 AM - 1:30 PM at 205 Old Grassy Hill Road in Orange, CT. Details can be found here.

### THIS WEEK WE'RE...

Reading "Chicago's Lesbian Bars Aren't Dying Out -- They're Evolving" by Grace Wong for the Chicago Tribune. As Wong writes, the lesbian bar scene in Chicago has long been thought to be dead. However, if you take a closer look, these bars are "shedding the mistakes of the past to [create] more inclusive environments for all." Issues like racism and sexism have existed in the LGBTQIA+ community in nuanced but very apparent ways but the move to transform these lesbian bars and other queer spaces -- in Chicago and across the country -- hopes to correct these wrongs. We hope this article helps to show how racism and other issues of equity exist in the context of other marginalized communities while also showing the important efforts being made to remedy these problems.

### 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](mailto:fairfeldequitycoalition@gmail.com) to get involved.

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