

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 **twenty-sixth** 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

The day has finally come: it's FEC's Publication Day! After months of research, collaboration, drafting, and revision upon revision, our report entitled "Promoting Anti-Racism and Racial Equity in Fairfield Public Schools" is published and available to any and all interested in its contents. Its summary "At-A-Glance" document is also available online, along with the data we collected from FPS former and current students and teachers and staff.

To find and browse all of these materials, please visit the [Publication Page](#) on our website. While the report is lengthy, it was intentionally written and formatted with readability in mind; the reader is able to jump around the report easily and understand the main points of each section quickly. As we prepare to present the contents of this report to the Board of Education in the first week of the New Year, we encourage you all to engage with our findings and join in on this important and long-overdue discussion of promoting anti-racism in education. After reviewing our findings, please feel free to share your thoughts, questions, or concerns directly to us using our [Report Feedback Form](#).

Details about our presentation to the BOE (the official date, how you can tune in, etc.) will be sent out in next week's newsletter.

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LOCAL HAPPENINGS

- **Monday, December 28th, 10:00 AM Online Event:** "Helping You Navigate Social Security Disability Benefits in 2020" free presentation hosted by [Disability Help Group AZ](#) and the [Berlin Peck Library](#). Learn how to apply for these benefits. Details [here](#).
- **Monday, December 28th, 7:00 PM via Zoom:** "African and African American Authors Book Discussion: *Kindred* by [Octavia E. Butler](#)" free online event hosted by [The Ferguson Library](#). Learn about how Butler's work explores the violence and loss of humanity caused by slavery, and its complex and lasting impact on the present day. Details [here](#).

ACTION ITEM *a way to make a difference today*

As we have emphasized from our founding, FEC is an advocacy organization that seeks to represent the concerns of the FPS and Fairfield communities. We want anyone interested in the conversation around education reform, specifically the promotion of anti-racism in the classroom, to engage with us as we present our findings to the Fairfield Board of Education and district administration. This week, we ask you all to engage with [our findings](#) as much as you can - whether that be the report, its summary, or our data - so you can join in on this effort. We hope our findings demonstrate the need for immediate change in our schools and suggest tangible, effective ways to achieve these goals.

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Reading "[9 tips for talking to people you disagree with](#)" by Sarah DiGiulio for [NBC](#). While we know many FPS district officials are eager to implement the types of reforms outlined in our report, we understand there will be inevitable disagreement over our ultimate goals and, more likely, the means by which to achieve them. Disagreement is natural and unavoidable, writes DeGiulio, but there are effective strategies that can help navigate the expanse of our different perspectives to come to an agreement. We know from experience that anti-racism work is complicated by many factors and we hope these tips can help ensure progress can be made.

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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