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 **fourteenth** newsletter! If you have suggestions for local happenings or action items, please reach out so we may include them in future newsletters. Thank you for keeping up with our coalition!

COALITION UPDATE

This past week, FEC focused on the logistical processes of presenting our report to the Board of Education. We are continuing to work closely with FPS administrators and the BOE to approve our Teacher Survey for dissemination within district channels. The perspectives of FPS teachers and staff are essential to include in our report, along with the experiences of students, so that we are reminded that these issues are as relevant in Fairfield as anywhere else.

Additionally, we are working with the BOE and Superintendent Cummings to schedule a special session at which we can present our report and its recommendations. This special session, like all BOE meetings, will be televised and we encourage the Fairfield community to tune in and engage in this conversation around promoting racial equity and anti-racism within Fairfield Public Schools.

We appreciate everyone's patience as we finalize these logistical measures and look forward to engaging in these complex and important conversations with the community!

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- **Monday, October 5, 6:00 PM:** "Domestic Violence Awareness Month Workshop Series" free webinar hosted by The Friends of The Ferguson Library (Stamford) and the Domestic Violence Crisis Center. Learn how to spot unhealthy behaviors in relationships. Details here.
- **Thursday, October 8, 12:00 - 1:00 PM:** "Energy Justice" webinar hosted by SustainableCT and lead by Leticia Colon de Mejias. Learn about how people of lower socioeconomic status face many barriers to accessing electric, gas, and other energy sources. Details here.

ACTION ITEM *a way to make a difference today*

Water insecurity is a growing problem in regions throughout the United States. Los Angeles, like many other localities in California, suffers from prolonged and significant droughts and other issues that affect water security. Unhoused people and those of lower socioeconomic status are at particular risk of suffering from water insecurity. Sign this petition by Water Drop LA, co-founded by a former Fairfield resident, to install permanent public drinking water fountains in Los Angeles.

THIS WEEK WE'RE...

Reading the article "Design for Your Most Vulnerable Student: Nine Ways to Engage Each and Every Learner" published on Medium by Lauren Foss Goodman. The article explores the many educational challenges specific to home-learning. As members of FEC, we want to be mindful of the obstacles faced by the FPS community unique to the in-person and at-home hybrid learning model implemented this year. While hybrid instruction is essential to protect the health of the FPS community, it does not come without its challenges. We hope the tips in this article can help support teachers and parents alike as they continue with this new model.

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 fairfieldequitycoalition@gmail.com to get involved.

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