

# 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-fourth** 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

Throughout the month of August, the Fairfield Equity Coalition is remembering Black August. The month is dedicated to honoring and remembering the lives and work of fallen black revolutionaries, activists, and freedom fighters. Check out our [Instagram series](#) for more about what Black August is, its importance, and how to support the commemoration this month.

On August 21st, we will be hosting a food drive at the McKinley elementary parking lot from 12-3 PM, with all donations going to Operation Hope. Please view our email blast about the drive for information on what is needed.

In a continuing effort to further coordinate with FPS, FEC President Lynnaija Brevard met with FLHS Principal Hatzis and FWHS Principal Cavanna to present a plan on how to better handle incidences of racism in the schools. Both principals committed to making their schools safer for all students throughout the upcoming school year.

We are also announcing a new partnership with Beloved to discuss literature with the FEC book club. Beloved is a Student-led Equity group open to all Fairfield Middle School students and parents, with the goal of creating a safe space to meet and discuss topics related to social and racial justice. More information about this initiative coming soon.

We would also like to encourage all parents, educators, and current students/alumni of FPS to reach out and get further involved in the FEC's work. A great way of doing this is by considering FEC membership. Fill out a membership form [here](#).

## IN THIS ISSUE

**COALITION UPDATE:  
WHERE WE ARE NOW &  
WHERE WE ARE GOING**

**LOCAL HAPPENINGS  
AND OPPORTUNITIES**

**ACTION ITEMS**

**THIS WEEK WE'RE...**

## Fairfield Equity Coalition's Weekly Newsletter



### LOCAL HAPPENINGS

- Till August 21st, 4:00 PM: MOCA Westport 19 Newtown Turnpike, Westport, CT 06880 Art Exhibit - LOVE WINS, Teens of Westport Pride. See Staples High School student Poppy Livingstone's mural installation in honor of pride month and as a part of the Westport Pride Organization's pride month celebration. Details [here](#).
- August 17th, 6:30 - 8:30 PM Nostrand Playgrounds (Flatbush Gardens) 3002 Foster Ave Brooklyn, NY 11210 Reducing Gun Violence Youth Summit. come to propose and share community-oriented solutions to reducing youth involvement in gangs, crime, and gun violence. Details [here](#).

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

Online event aggregator and website Eventbrite has recently expanded their event collection on racial justice and equity, and created a page on their website dedicated to "educating yourself." Countless anti-racist organizations are hosting webinars this week that cover a range of issues relating to equity: a restorative justice workshop, conversations about fighting for equity in the workplace, and talking about racial justice with important people in your life. We encourage all our readers to register for one or more webinars, and check out the new page [here](#).

### THIS WEEK WE'RE...

*Reading about a new Stanford University study* that surveyed 1,100 Jews of color across the United States to better understand their unique experiences with Racism and discrimination in the Jewish community and in society as a whole. Race and religion is an aspect of intersectionality that is often overlooked or dismissed, but this new study hopes to raise awareness about the specific struggle of Black Americans not only in the Jewish faith but in religious institutions and places of worship everywhere. Respondents reported mental compartmentalization of different aspects of their personal identity, as they often have trouble reckoning with the compounding discrimination that comes from embracing all the parts of their personal background at once. 80% of respondents said that they experienced some form of racism in their place of worship, while many reported feelings of alienation and isolation from their white counterparts. They also reported frequent interrogations about their ethnic background, and how they were Jewish. The authors of the study hope that it galvanizes Jewish and other religious leaders to understand that issues related to racism are relevant to their communities as well.

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

## FOLLOW US!



Fairfield Equity Coalition



[www.fairfieldequitycoalition.org](http://www.fairfieldequitycoalition.org)



@fairfieldequitycoalition