

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 **twentieth** newsletter! This is a newsletter for the community, by the community, so please reach out with suggested items! Thank you for keeping up with our coalition!

COALITION UPDATE

This past week, the Board of Education approved our second Teacher and Staff Survey for dissemination through district channels. We encourage any and all FPS employees to respond to this survey with their personal experiences concerning the topic of race within the school district. We are seeking responses of any kind and ask for as much detail as possible. *Importantly, if you responded to the first Teacher Survey, please respond to this iteration as well.* Responses from this survey will be the only ones included in our report from the two teacher surveys. We hope these responses further ground our report by highlighting the perspectives of FPS faculty and staff. Please reach out to us at fairfieldequitycoalition@gmail.com if you have any questions or concerns about the survey.

Once these responses are collected and analyzed, we will be publishing our report and its summary on our website and submitting it to the Board of Education for our December 8th presentation.

We are incredibly excited to analyze these new survey responses!

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LOCAL HAPPENINGS

- **Monday, November 16, 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM via Zoom:** "LGBTQIA: What Does It All Mean for You and Your Teen?" free online discussion hosted by [Lighthouse](#) and the [Friends of Ferguson Library](#). Listen to featured presenter [Micaela Scully](#) describe the many sexual and gender identities in the LGBTQIA+ spectrum. For adults and teens. Details [here](#).
- **Wednesday, November 18, 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM:** "Speak Up, Speak Out: Creating Change in Your High School" free webinar hosted by [Fairfield County's Community Foundation](#). This event will help high school students learn how to become activists and advocate for themselves and their peers. Details [here](#).

ACTION ITEM *a way to make a difference today*

As the end of November nears, many people in the United States are preparing to celebrate the Thanksgiving holiday. While this occasion is commonly marked by large feasts, we must remind ourselves that many in the country, and Connecticut specifically, experience food insecurity. In this time of giving thanks, there is no better way to do so than to donate food items to families and people experiencing food insecurity. The Bridgeport Rescue Mission's [Great Thanksgiving Project](#) is accepting food donations at 1069 Connecticut Ave, Unit 2-B in Bridgeport from 9 AM - 5 PM Tues-Sat. Please consider donating if you are able!

THIS WEEK WE'RE...

Watching the Ted Talk "[Help for kids the education system ignores](#)" by educator [Victor Rios](#). So often in our schools, explains Rios, students who do not fit the conventional style of learning or behavior are labeled "at-risk." With the stigma this label holds, many of these students are destined to drop out of school. Watch how Rios, drawing on personal and professional experience, argues for a shift in framework from the "at-risk" label to "at-promise" using three easy and effective strategies. As FEC continues advocating for educational equity, it is important to recognize how educational frameworks and labeling can affect students' 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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