

NEWSLETTER

Fairfield Equity Coalition's Weekly Newsletter



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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-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

As mentioned in the previous week's newsletter, the FEC will be hosting a food drive at McKinley School. Contrary to previous statements, this drive will occur next weekend, so please check your emails for a blast with more information. We apologize for any confusion this may have caused.

Lynnaija Brevard is currently working out the details of a meeting with Superintendent Mike Cummings regarding the coalition's new proposed strategy for dealing with incidents of racism in Fairfield Public Schools. This comes shortly after Ms. Brevard's successful meeting with the two principals of Ludlowe and Warde high school. The goal of the meeting is to enhance the understanding of how the use of the n-word can have traumatic effects on students, to help the superintendent understand the difference between bullying and an act of racism, and to leave the district with action steps for this coming year.

Along with this proposal, we continue to work on our primary mission of creating a more comprehensive and safe education for everyone in town. We are currently working towards this goal through a range of different projects, and this objective will only become more critical as the school year begins.

Also, this week, check out our Instagram series on food insecurity. The issue of access to high-quality and nutritional meals for all young people goes hand in hand with educational equity and is often at the root of many systemic inequities within our society. Learn more about what food insecurity is, the causes in BIPOC communities, and how you can help combat food insecurity [here](#)

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LOCAL HAPPENINGS

- **Thursday, August 26th, 7:30 AM - 12:00 PM Via Zoom.** The Northstar Health Network will be hosting a virtual coffee, immediately followed by a program dedicated to Diversity, Equity, and inclusion in our healthcare systems. Open to all, no registration required. Details [here](#).
- **Thursday, August 26th, 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM, online.** DiversityX is hosting a Hartford Diversity job fair, inviting job seekers from diverse backgrounds. Companies at the event are looking to include more voices and perspectives in their positions, and the event is free for all job seekers. Information [here](#).

ACTION ITEM *a way to make a difference today*

The goal of ERfC's annual backpack and school supply drive is to make sure all Enfield students start their school year right, regardless of their means or background. For most of the summer, the ERfC has been collecting supplies for their drive and completed their collection last week. Now, their primary goal is to put the backpack together and distributing them on August 27th. They can always use more volunteers for this and other events, so if you are at all interested, please fill out a volunteer application [here](#).

THIS WEEK WE'RE...

Reading about the 3.8 million dollars worth of grants given to 72 nonprofits across Connecticut by the Community Foundation for Greater New Haven. The New Haven-centered foundation usually grants a significant amount of money to a myriad of nonprofits through this competitive grant program, but the total amount is given more than doubled from 1.6 million in 2020 to 3.8 in 2021. The foundation says that this massive increase is a part of their new commitment to improving racial equity as the country recovers from the pandemic.

A significant portion of the money will go to nonprofit organizations dedicated specifically to the advocacy, education, and action associated with bringing racial equity to our communities, as opposed to the assorted and less targeted goals usually associated with the program. A significant amount of the grant money will also go to new and emerging nonprofits this year, as the foundation's grant program becomes easier to apply for. We can't wait to see how this money is spent to bring real change to our communities, state-wide.

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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