

# 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-eighth** 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

We would like to wish everyone a happy Hispanic Heritage Month, which started on September 15th of last week. Until October 15th, the United States will be celebrating and remembering the contributions that Hispanic Americans have had on our history, culture, and lives. There is a myriad of great information online and in our community for learning more about this important month.

The FEC Instagram has posted a lot of informative content in the past weeks that our community has found enriching, including series on Rosh Hashanah, resources on how we can help Afghanistan, and how to fight tokenism. It is our hope that these posts provide thorough information on each topic, and provide you with helpful tips and advice on how to be more inclusive, supportive, and accepting in these times. You can view all of these posts [here](#).

In other coalition news, we have newly redesigned our website! We hope this refreshing new look makes your experience on our site better while also presenting the information in a more visually appealing way.

Our President met with Superintendent Cummings about the racist incident earlier this spring at Fairfield Warde High School. The meeting addressed the significance of this incident and the harm it brought against the Black community, and distinguished between bullying and acts of racism. Finally, the next appropriate steps to achieve accountability and restorative justice were addressed.

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### LOCAL HAPPENINGS

- **Tuesday, September 21, 7:00 PM, Trumbull Townhall:** The town government of Trumbull is hosting their special task force meeting on diversity, equity, and inclusion. We encourage our readership to attend this meeting. [More info here.](#)
- **Wednesday, September 22, 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM via Zoom:** St. Paul's church is hosting its weekly Race and Social justice book club. Anybody is encouraged to join any week, and the books are for sale at the Church and in local bookstores. [Find more info here.](#)

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

The Thomas Merton Center has been providing breakfast and lunch for under-served members of the Bridgeport Community since 1974, as well as providing daytime places to stay for these individuals. They always could use support and have ongoing drives for food and other supplies across the year. Find out how you can get involved in donating much-needed supplies and also volunteering at the house [here.](#)

### THIS WEEK WE'RE...

*Reading* about the striking lack of representation for Black Women in Connecticut Politics and beyond. Over the past few years, the advances Black women have made in winning public office have diminished, as the number of new Black female candidates entering into the political world has decreased, and those that are running are losing, especially in Connecticut. In this coming election cycle, though, it seems some are challenging the status quo. [Learn more information here.](#)

The coming 2021 elections across Connecticut are largely municipal and local, but some large seats are up for grabs, including the mayorship of a range of small to very large cities. The race for the mayorship of Cromwell, Stamford, and West Hartford all have Black female candidates looking to challenge the status quo, and several other town-wide boards also include a Black woman on the slate. FEC would like to highlight this exciting development, and express our excitement over the prospect of better representation throughout our decision-making bodies in Connecticut.

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

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