

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 **fifteenth** newsletter! Please reach out if you have suggestions for items in our future newsletters. Thank you for your continued interest in our coalition!

COALITION UPDATE

We are happy to announce that FEC has solidified a timeline for presenting our report on promoting racial equity in FPS. This past week, our leadership met virtually with Superintendent Cummings, the Executive Director of Operations and Processes, Dr. Parrish, and the Chair of the Board of Education (BOE), Ms. Vitale, to discuss the timeline for both the dissemination of our Teacher Survey and presentation of our full report to the BOE. We thank these district leaders for their time.

Once the Teacher Survey is approved by the BOE by mid-November, we will be collecting responses to include in our report, which we will present in early December. As we come closer to the meeting, we hope the Fairfield community at large will engage with us in conversation about developing anti-racist principles and racial equity in FPS.

We thank our readership and the Fairfield community for their continued patience as we finalize these details. Authoring a report of this scope and preparing for its publication is a complicated task, one that would be that much more difficult without the support we've received from the public and our district leaders. We look forward to continuing these substantive discussions!

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LOCAL HAPPENINGS

- Wednesday, October 14 - Tuesday, October 20, 10 AM - 4 PM at the Pequot Library Lawn: "Small Fall Book Sale" hosted by the [Pequot Library](#) in Southport. Browse a wide selection of affordable books. By appointment only. Details [here](#).
- Thursday, October 15, 10:30 AM - 12 PM: "The Intersections of Voting and Homelessness" free virtual webinar hosted by [SustainableCT](#). Learn about the barriers to voting, civic participation, and political representation faced by those experiencing homelessness. Registration required. Details [here](#).

ACTION ITEM *a way to make a difference today*

With schools across the United States now largely open for in-person instruction during the COVID-19 pandemic, there are many new obstacles unique to these modified learning environments that can influence students' health, social, mental, and learning outcomes. There are many important factors to consider as we progress through the academic year, chief among them being the perspectives of the students themselves. Sign onto this [campaign](#) by Move School Forward to demand the full participation of students in the decision-making process behind future instruction during the pandemic.

THIS WEEK WE'RE...

Listening to the TED Radio Hour segment "[How Can We Inspire Children To Be Lifelong Readers?](#)" by Alvin Irby. Mr. Irby explores the factors that lead many students to dislike reading for both school and pleasure. All too often, children see school and reading as nothing more than an annoying obligation, something that they begrudgingly have to do. These negative perceptions of the classroom, in turn, harm learning outcomes. Discover the secrets Mr. Irby shares to inspire readership in all students.

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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