

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 second newsletter! If you have been following our coalition's journey thus far, thank you for the continued support. If you are just beginning to learn about us, we are so happy that you have joined us!

COALITION UPDATE

This week, we began researching potential obstacles to implementation of our initial demands for our report on anti-racism in FPS. We also launched our social media sites and worked to establish connections with our community through meetings with local politicians, PTA members, teachers, and more.

Since our official launch last Monday, we gained over 50 new members, so we restructured our coalition to make sure we utilize each member most efficiently. Some changes include our several new committees, including civic engagement, recruitment, editorial, and more, as well as a shift in our leadership team. Next week, we will introduce our new brilliant leaders!

This upcoming week we will be finalizing our list of demands, meeting with more community members to gain additional perspectives and advice, and creating the structure of our report. From there, we hope to finalize and publicize our report by the end of July.

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LOCAL HAPPENINGS

- Join the Black LGBTQ+ Protest on Friday, July 17th at 2PM on the Sherman Green in Fairfield, CT (organized by @shvshana and @danielle.poyser)
- Listen to Fairfield County's Community (FCC) Foundation podcast on "[Fairfield Country Thrives Episode 9: Fighting for Racial Equity & Social Justice](#)" with Attorney Marilyn J. Ford and Corey Paris
- Check out Ludlowe Youth for Equity's [list of anti-racist books, movies, and more](#)

ACTION ITEMS *a way to make a difference today*

On Monday, July 6th, U.S. Customs and Immigration Enforcement (ICE) released [new regulations](#) mandating that international students attending universities transitioning entirely to online learning for the fall semester must return to their home countries. Stand with students here on F-1 visas by [signing this petition](#).

GET INVOLVED

We are always seeking new members and leaders! Whether you are just hearing about our coalition or feel inspired to do more, we would love to have you join FEC. 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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THIS WEEK WE ARE

Reading *Between the World and Me* by Ta-Nehisi Coates

Coates' novel explores race in America in the form of a letter to his teenage son and weaves his autobiography into the fabric of the Black American experience. *Between the World and Me* won the National Book Award for Nonfiction and has achieved international recognition for both its subject matter and the grace of Coates' prose.

It's a short read (just under 200 pages) but well worth your while.