

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 **forty-fourth** 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 July 19th Newsletter, we are continuing to work with district leaders to create a new organized and uniform protocol for responding to incidents of racism and bigotry in our school communities. We are planning to point out the trauma that stems from being the target of a racial attack, and how we can better uplift and support students who find themselves in this situation, as well as strategies for creating a responding infrastructure that is consistent and executable.

Lynnaija Brevard, the president of the coalition, will be meeting with superintendent Mr. Cummings and principals of the two Fairfield High Schools to deliver the completed presentation and to leave the group with actionable items to work towards. We hope this meeting and the actionable changes left with these district leaders are expanded upon as the summer ends and the new school year begins.

Also, check out our new [Instagram Series on Colorism](#): what it is, how it affects BIPOC communities, and what we can do as a community and as individuals to counteract it.

Continue to read this newsletter every week and keep up with the Coalition's work on our social medias for more information on forthcoming projects, and how you can get involved in the future!

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LOCAL HAPPENINGS

- **Saturday, August 14th, 12 - 3 PM, 4360 Broadway, Washington Heights:** "Education Justice Block Party" free block party hosted by the Alliance for Quality Education, celebrating their \$4 billion education grant. Food, drinks, and speakers - fun for all ages. Donations encouraged, no registration required. Details [here](#).
- **Wednesday, August 11th, 6:30 - 8:00 pm via Zoom:** "Cover Crop Challenge" free webinar hosted by Sustainable CT, an organization dedicated to making everything about Connecticut's economy sustainable and green. The Cover Crop challenge is for new and experienced gardeners, and will teach you how to use Cover Crops (a form of sustainable crop) to their full potential. Registration required, details [here](#).

ACTION ITEM *a way to make a difference today*

The Bridgeport Lighthouse Program has one goal: provide a safe place for kids to learn and grow after school during the regular school year and the summer. Currently, the program operates in 24 of Bridgeport's Public Schools 5 days a week, from 8:30am - 5:30pm as a part of their summer programming. They are always looking for new volunteers and tutors to help watch over children in the program and help to provide a safe environment. Find the contact information for the program coordinator [here](#).

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Reading about the [\\$1 Million Awarded to Abounding Prosperity, Inc. to Ramp Up COVID-19 Vaccinations](#) (article by [Staff Writers at the Dallas Voice](#)). One of the most upsetting trends of the COVID-19 pandemic has been its disproportionate impact on BIPOC communities across the country, whether that has meant a higher caseload or a lack of proper medical attention. Symptoms of this issue have manifested in these communities' lagging vaccination rates, due to historical neglect by medical circles that continued during the COVID-19 pandemic, and the distrust that has spawned from this negligence. Organizations like Prosperity Inc. have been working to close this gap in vaccinations by going door to door and convincing their neighbors to get vaccinated and to put more trust in their healthcare system. This work has been extremely successful as the vaccination gaps continued to close, but it has largely gone unaccredited. We hope this piece helps to bring more recognition to the work of these grassroots organizations, and display how powerful an individual or small group can be in promoting and realizing equity in their community.

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 fairfieldequitycoalition@gmail.com to get involved.

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