

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 first newsletter! We are inspired by the continued momentum and support for change in the Fairfield community. Let's continue to unify our voices and join together as a community to make a real, lasting difference.

COALITION UPDATE

Over the past few weeks, current students and alumni of Fairfield Public Schools (FPS) have joined together with the common goal of reforming our education system. We now have over 50 members and our membership is expanding every day. Currently, our main project is our "Anti-Racism in Fairfield Public Schools" report which will consist of students' stories surrounding racism within FPS, a list of our demands, and our shared vision of implementation of these demands.

This week, we organized our coalition into seven committees: internal operations, external operations publicity, nationwide/statewide policy, local policy, data, and sustainability/team-building. Our teams began working to create a concrete list of demands after analyzing the 370+ responses to our anti-racism in FPS survey and researching other successful education equity initiatives both locally and nationally. From here, we will research the potential obstacles to the implementation of our desired changes and create a finalized version of our report by the end of July to be sent to the Board of Education.

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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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LOCAL HAPPENINGS

- Fairfield Yabantu is hosting a book club for *Stamped: Racism, Antiracism, and You* -- RSVP to fairfeldequitycoalition@gmail.com if interested in attending the July 7th meeting (which will discuss the third section of the book)
- Fairfield Warde's "Voices for Equity" and Fairfield Ludlowe's "Youth for Equity" clubs have began working together to consolidate both schools' anti-racism efforts. More to come on potential collaborations between FEC, FWVE and FLYE
- The Fairfield Education Association (FEA) paired with FWVE to urge Fairfield Public Schools to remove the "Headmaster" title from our schools

ACTION ITEMS *a way to make a difference today*

Aurora Officials are allegedly filtering all emails related to Elijah McClain directly to spam. Demand justice by sending a randomized email to bypass spam filters (note: the random characters within the emails are intentional).

THIS WEEK WE ARE

Reading Frederick Douglass's "What to the Slave is the Fourth of July?"

We encourage you to take a moment to reflect on Fourth of July celebrations through reading this powerful speech in which Douglas explains that the Fourth of July is not a day of celebration for Black Americans; rather, it is a reminder of their continued fight for equal freedoms that white Americans have historically enjoyed.