

# 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 **eighteenth** newsletter! Please let us know if you have recommended items for future editions of this newsletter. Thank you for keeping up with our coalition!

## COALITION UPDATE

Last week, our President, Lynnaija Brevard, and Editorial Executive, Ian Leighton, gave the coalition's initial presentation to the Board of Education. After months of close talks and collaboration, we thank the Board of Education and FPS leadership for scheduling this special session on equity, and we are excited to present our report in full come December.

Additionally, our Policy Committees were busy preparing FAQ pages for our website to answer questions specific to both FEC and our report on promoting anti-racism and racial equity. We hope these pages, soon to be posted on our website, will provide quick answers to common questions we anticipate once we begin discussing the report in detail.

This week, our Publicity Committee will be releasing a "What 'Missed' the Textbook" series that will detail several omitted or misconstrued history lessons in FPS that fail to accurately represent a given topic. As always, we encourage you all to read these posts and share them widely!

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### LOCAL HAPPENINGS

- **Thursday, November 5, 12 PM - 1 PM:** "Addressing the Needs of Persons with Disabilities in Climate Planning" webinar hosted by [SustainableCT](#). This session will describe common disabilities and the resources to help disabled people adapt to climate change. Registration required. Details [here](#).
- **Saturday, November 7, 5 PM - 6:30 PM via Zoom:** "21st Annual Haitian Book & Arts Festival" online event hosted by the [Haitian-American Professionals Association of CT](#). Learn from special guests about Haitian-American art and its influence in the U.S. Details [here](#).

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

The [War on Drugs](#), beginning in the 1970s and spanning to the present day, is marked by cruel mandatory minimum sentencing; tens of thousands of people are still serving extreme punishments from decades ago, despite these unjust sentences increasingly considered unthinkable to levy today. Most governors hold the power to grant clemency to incarcerated individuals, meaning they can shorten or altogether end a person's incarceration. The [American Civil Liberties Union](#) is fighting to liberate 50,000 people from state prisons in the next five years for past offenses that are decriminalized today. For more information and to sign your name in support, visit this [page](#).

### THIS WEEK WE'RE...

*Reading* the article "[Two Connecticut School Systems, For the Rich and Poor](#)" by [Lincoln Caplan](#) for [The New Yorker](#). This 2016 article unfortunately remains relevant today, noting that Connecticut schools are some of the most segregated in the entire nation. Mr. Caplan explains that although CT has constitutional provisions and state court decisions that provide the opportunity for educational equity, policy failures and political stalemates continue to prevent substantial change. As a coalition that advocates for policy changes in our upcoming report, we recommend this article for a concise explanation of the importance of good policy in reforming education.

### 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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