

# 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 **twenty-first** newsletter! This is a newsletter for the community, by the community, so please reach out with suggested items. Thank you for keeping up with our coalition!

## COALITION UPDATE

Last week, our second Teacher and Staff Survey was distributed through FPS channels. We greatly appreciate Superintendent Cummings and the Board of Education for approving and administering what is the final piece of our report on promoting anti-racism and racial equity within FPS. Now that the survey has closed, our Data Committee will organize and analyze the nearly 140 responses so we can include them in our report. Both the survey results and report at large will be presented to the Board of Education on Tuesday, December 8th. As a coalition that advocates on behalf of the Fairfield community, we encourage everyone interested in the conversation around anti-racism and racial equity to tune into our presentation on [FairTV](#) that evening.

Given the Thanksgiving holiday this week, we hope everyone who celebrates is able to find COVID-safe ways to enjoy time with loved ones. The selected article for our "This Week We're" section below offers an important perspective to Thanksgiving that we encourage everyone to consider this week!

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### LOCAL HAPPENINGS

- **Monday, November 23, 3:30 PM via Facebook Live:** "Aging in the Community in CT" free online discussion hosted by the Commission on Women, Children, Seniors, Equity and Opportunity. Join in on the discussion around how the COVID-19 pandemic has affected the livelihoods of elderly people. Details here.
- **Tuesday, November 24, 5:30 PM - 7:00 PM:** "Community Engagement and Advocacy Listening Session" online forum by YWCA Hartford. If you are a member of or involved in the Hartford Community, join in this discussion about the community issues that you feel should be prioritized for the new year. Registration required. Details here.

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

As November ends and we enter the beginning of Connecticut's long and cold winter season, many local non-profits and advocacy groups are collecting gently used clothing to help those without appropriate winter attire stay warm and healthy. Button Up Connecticut has posted several different drop off locations where you can donate your gently used winter coats. If you are able and willing, please consider helping out this important and time-sensitive cause. For more information on each donation center, and to view giving guidelines, please visit this page.

### THIS WEEK WE'RE...

*Reading* the article "The Thanksgiving Tale We Tell Is a Harmful Lie. As a Native American, I've Found a Better Way to Celebrate the Holiday" by Sean Sherman for TIME. As a Native American, Sherman discusses his relationship with the Thanksgiving holiday, noting the many popular misconceptions perpetuated by American media and schools. He describes the whitewashing of history and how the American public has forgotten the violent and genocidal truth behind early colonizers' treatment of Indigenous Peoples. Sherman further explores the ways in which we as a country can still celebrate the holiday by adopting a more holistic and accurate view of history and respecting Native American culture and influence.

### 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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