

# 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 **twelfth** newsletter! This edition describes the release of our new survey to supplement our report. As always, please reach out if you have suggested items for our future newsletters. Thank you for keeping up with our coalition!

## COALITION UPDATE

This week, we are excited to release our new surveys. As mentioned in our last newsletter, these surveys, for both teachers and current/former students, will ask for more personal stories and perspectives to further ground our report in the Fairfield community. We were able to analyze valuable summary statistics from our first surveys; now we seek narrative responses to be anonymously quoted in our report. If you responded to our first set of surveys, we ask that you please respond to this one as well to reiterate your perspective and/ or provide new responses in as much detail as you see fit.

The [Student Survey](#) and [Teacher Survey](#) are live and will remain open until Sunday, September 27th at 5:00 PM. After responding yourself, please share these surveys widely with your networks so we may gain as many responses as possible.

We are excited to add these responses as a final -- and important -- piece to our report. We thank you in advance for taking the time to share your experiences.

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### LOCAL HAPPENINGS

- **Tuesday, September 22, 7 PM:** "Back-to-School Special Education Law & Advocacy During COVID-19" webinar hosted by JCC Stamford. Learn from advocates and attorneys about the unique obstacles faced by students with special needs as schools re-open during the pandemic. Details here.
- **Wednesday, September 23, 7 PM:** "Teacher Support Group" free online meeting for teacher and other school professionals hosted by Positive Directions. This meeting provides a supportive group where school leaders can work together and support one another in these uncertain and challenging times. Details here.

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

Voting in the upcoming November election is understandably complicated by the COVID-19 pandemic. Connecticut, like many other states, will allow residents to vote by mail to avoid possible exposure to the Coronavirus. However you decide to vote, be it through mail or in-person, there are some important details to note so your vote will be counted in time. Watch this video, "How To Vote in Connecticut 2020," sometime this week to make sure you meet all of the relevant deadlines. Your vote matters - make sure it counts!

### THIS WEEK WE'RE...

*Watching "Remembering Ruth Bader Ginsburg,"* a memorial video by *The New York Times*, honoring the life and legacy of the late Justice, who passed away last Friday at the age of 87. Justice Ginsburg was a champion of reproductive and gender rights, authoring many notable opinions, like *United States v. Virginia*, which struck down a male-only admissions policy at a public educational institution. The effects of this decision remain influential to this day. As the country celebrates her life, we hope this video reveals why she became known as the "Notorious R.B.G."

### 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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