

NEWSLETTER

Fairfield Equity Coalition's Weekly Newsletter



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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-ninth** 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

We continued to work on our coalition-wide bond this week in an effort to make sure that all members of our community are on the same page, and we are ready to continue making changes in the community. We also worked to solidify our values this week and take stock of what we want to accomplish in the coming months, as well as what we have already accomplished recently.

Understanding the issues that we face and the true definition of "equity" is critical to our mission as an organization, so taking time to evaluate these issues is important for our continued longevity.

Externally, we have continued to update the Fairfield Equity Coalition website after the recent redesign, including adding new links and information for everyone. If you haven't seen the new redesign of our website, check it out [here](#)! Also, check out the new links and information posted this week at the same link.

Last Monday, October 11th was Indigenous People's Day, a critically important and newly recognized holiday of raising up and celebrating Native American culture. The colonization of America destroyed hundreds of years of rich Native American tradition and culture, and it is so important that we raise up and learn from the people who inhabited this land before us, while also evaluating the unethical and genocidal acts of our ancestors who destroyed their lifestyle and cultures. Fairfield Equity coalition has prepared a series of posts for this day on our Instagram, including what Indigenous People's Day is, some influential Indigenous individuals, and the modern struggles that Native Americans still face in America today. Check out these posts [here](#).

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LOCAL HAPPENINGS

- Thursday, October 21, 2021, 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM online: Join guest speaker Charles T. Brown in an exploration of how over-policing practices lead to countless negative effects for minority communities across the country, and what can be done to prevent this injustice in the future. More info [here](#).
- Thursday, October 21, 2021, 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM Via Zoom: Join the NCCJ for a comprehensive, two-day anti-racism training that explores the history of racism in America and how we can combat it as individuals. More info [here](#).

ACTION ITEM *a way to make a difference today*

The Connecticut Food Bank has extended emergency drive-through food distributions started as a response to COVID-19 through the month of October. The organization says that each drive-through site feeds up to 1,000 families a week and has been incredibly beneficial in the response to food insecurity caused by the pandemic. You can find info on how to donate to the food bank and help in their efforts [here](#).

THIS WEEK WE'RE...

[Reading about growing controversy across Connecticut about curriculum related to race and equity.](#) As the new school year continues, new organizations and individuals have begun to speak out and protest what they see as "coded anti-white lessons" across Connecticut Public schools. These claims of the teaching of Critical Race Theory and other affiliated topics seem to be a symptom of the larger push back against more progressive teaching in schools by conservative politicians who decry the new curriculum as inaccurate.

We strongly recommend reading through the linked article, as it provides some helpful and much needed insight into how discussions about race and equity are approached in schools across the state of Connecticut. We as a coalition believe that it is critical we create opportunities for students to learn about social issues. It is so important that we continue to facilitate conversations in every facet of our lives that foster new learning and thinking in an effort to make a more just and equal society.

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 to get involved.

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