

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-eighth** 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 are happy to report that our presentation to the Board of Education and FPS officials last week was a success! We thank the BOE and everyone at the presentation for their time and consideration. If you missed the presentation, it is still available on [YouTube](#). As always, we want to hear from the FPS and Fairfield communities about their perspectives on anti-racism in education, and specifically, their responses to our report. Please share your thoughts with us using our [Report Feedback Form](#).

Moving forward, FEC will be working with the BOE, Superintendent Cummings, and FPS officials to develop the infrastructure needed to enact these important anti-racism reforms. We are in talks with the district about developing a inter-organization equity task force or working group to bring together all of the equity groups in town so this work can be done in a streamlined, collective manner.

In the coming weeks, we hope to have a good idea of which reforms are immediately actionable and which will require more of a long-term initiative.

Our newsletter will be published every other week moving forward - be on the lookout for our next edition on January 25th!

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LOCAL HAPPENINGS

- **Tuesday, January 12th, 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM:** "Preparing for Life's Financial Storms" free and public virtual event hosted by the [Essex Library Association](#). Learn some tips to better prepare for the many life events that can impact one's financial security. Details [here](#).
- **Wednesday, January 13th, 5:30 PM - 6:30 PM:** "Trouble at Home Series: Perri Klass, MD" free online event hosted by the [Mark Twain House](#). Learn about the multi-faceted public health feat that was the United States' near elimination of infant and child mortality. Details [here](#).

ACTION ITEM *a way to make a difference today*

The Connecticut General Assembly's African American and Latino and Puerto Rican Sub-Commissions of the Commission on Women, Children, Seniors, Equity, & Opportunity (CWCSEO) will be offering \$1,000 scholarships to African American and Latinx high school seniors that attend school and reside in Connecticut. We encourage all eligible students to apply for these scholarships through email (send to cwcseo@cga.ct.gov) by 5:00 PM on Friday, January 29, 2021. For more information, like application materials and eligibility, please review this [informational letter](#), the [Puerto Rican and Latinx Scholarship letter](#), and/or the [African American letter](#) or speak to your high school guidance counselor.

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Reading "[11 Key Issues for Connecticut Legislature in 2021](#)" by [Michael Hamad](#) and [Christopher Keating](#) for the [Hartford Courant](#). With a new state legislative session underway, there are several important issues that will be deliberated on between now and the end of the session in June. Importantly, there are a number of issues directly related to equity on the table this year: racial justice in zoning laws, recreational marijuana, and transportation, among more general issues relating to equity like budgeting and taxation. FEC will be following our state legislature very closely to see how this session influences our own work and we hope you will do the same!

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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