

# 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 **sixth** newsletter! This edition explores our upcoming projects and some events around the state. As always, we encourage our readers to submit local happenings and action items for our future newsletters. Thank you for your continued interest in our coalition!

## COALITION UPDATE

Last week, Connecticut was hit by Tropical Storm Isaias. We hope everyone across Fairfield and the state remained safe and healthy during the storm and throughout its days-long aftermath. Because of widespread power outages, our report preparation was momentarily stalled. We appreciate the flexibility our members have shown as we adjust our plans around Isaias's impact. Now that power has mostly been restored, we will be working diligently to ensure a timely release of our report.

This week, our Publicity Committee will be posting videos on our social media platforms introducing our Co-Presidents and Executive Committee members. Our leadership will speak about their committee's responsibilities and why they felt compelled to join in the fight for equity within Fairfield Public Schools.

Additionally, the Publicity and Data committees will be teasing some of the graphics created from our earlier surveys. Be on the lookout for these new posts as FEC gets back to work!

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### LOCAL HAPPENINGS

- **Monday, August 10, 7:30 PM:** Humanists and Freethinkers of Fairfield County (HFFC) is holding a free virtual event on race and racial justice. Guest speakers Mandisa Thomas, founder and president of Black Nonbelievers Inc., and Harvard professor, Dr. Anthony Pinn, will be leading the discussion. Registration details here.
- **Wednesday, August 12, 6:00 PM:** Fairfield University professor, Matt Tullis, will be giving an online workshop on "fake news," how to recognize it, and finding trustworthy media sources. Register here.

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

Educational institutions are responsible for promoting an environment inclusive and accepting of all students and faculty. Administrators must advance anti-racist principles and commit to racial equity, while reaffirming these ideals whenever a racist incident, near or far, threatens or devalues the identity of their students. As we draft our recommendations that will include how FPS should respond to acts of racism, we urge you to sign this petition insisting Fairfield University affirm their commitment to supporting their BIPOC students.

### THIS WEEK WE'RE...

*Listening* to the podcast "Nice White Parents" produced by Serial Productions and The New York Times. Reporter Chana Joffe-Walt enters a public Brooklyn school and investigates the conversation about racial disparities in education, exploring the influence white parents have in perpetuating educational inequity. As you listen to this series, consider which voices are most valued by school administrations and how these preferences affect student learning outcomes across racial lines.

### 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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