

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 **fifth** newsletter! We appreciate the wonderful conversations our coalition has had with members and leaders within the Fairfield community. We encourage you all to contact us if you have a local happening or action item you'd like to share with our readership. We look forward to sharing our progress!

COALITION UPDATE

As we finalize our report on guaranteeing equity in Fairfield Public Schools, our Local and Nation/State Policy committees have provided additional support to our Editorial committee to ensure our claims are supported by the most recent and accurate research. FEC is committed to producing quality and detailed information to the public in our push towards equity in education.

Riding off the success of last week, our Publicity committee launched another informative social media series breaking down several microaggressions mentioned in our "Anti-Racism in FPS" survey responses while explaining the unintended harm that stems from their usage. These posts additionally provide helpful ways to respectfully engage in conversations involving race and identity. We encourage everyone to visit our social media pages to submit suggestions for future posts to continue these important conversations around race and equity.

We are excited to publish our long-awaited report in the near future. We intend to develop shorter guides and summaries of the larger document to make the material easily accessible at a glance. We look forward to sharing our findings and recommendations with you and the Board of Education!

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LOCAL HAPPENINGS

- **Tuesday, August 4, 7:30 PM:** The Fairfield Board of Education is holding a virtual Special Meeting to discuss an update from Superintendent Cummings on School Re-Opening, among other things. More information can be found [here](#).
- **Saturday, August 8, 1:30 PM, Fairfield Warde front parking lot:** Fairfield Equity Project is hosting a "Privilege Walk" open to students, teachers, alumni, staff, and parents. Register [here](#). Masks required!

ACTION ITEM *a way to make a difference today*

The majority of school districts in Connecticut, including Fairfield, fail to teach students about anti-racism or recognize the oppression of marginalized populations in our state and nation. As FEC continues creating our report in which we will explain the necessity of incorporating these themes within FPS curricula and policy, we encourage all of you to sign this [petition](#) to make anti-racism courses mandatory in Connecticut high schools.

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Reading about other efforts across Connecticut to implement anti-racist principles into our school classrooms. Check out this [CT Mirror article](#) on the Anti-Racist Teaching and Learning Collective (ARTLC), a broad network of teachers in Connecticut that seek to create and implement curricula to end racism in schooling and empower students of color. The ARTLC is working to equip teachers with the resources and knowledge to make immediate change in their classrooms this upcoming school year.

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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