

# 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 **fortieth** 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 excited to announce that our newsletter will be returning to its original weekly release schedule so we can properly announce all of our upcoming Summer projects in a timely manner.

Although June has ended, we encourage our readership to check out the rest of our [Pride IG series](#). Our Communications team worked hard this last month to highlight LGBTQIA+ history and queer thinkers and leaders. Just like any month celebrating a group of people, said celebration should not be limited to those four weeks out of the year. We encourage our readership to continue their education on LGBTQIA+ issues as these topics are directly related to equity. As a coalition, we will continue to post relevant events, readings, and discussions related to LGBTQIA+ equity throughout the year.

This month, FEC leadership will be working with FPS officials to create new processes around handling incidents of discrimination and racism -- like those seen this past year -- within the district.

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### LOCAL HAPPENINGS

- **Thursday, July 8th, 6:30 PM via Zoom:** "A Close Reading of The 1619 Project" free multi-part event hosted by the The Amistad Center and the Harriet Beecher Stowe Center. Join Dr. Oyenike Balogun-Mwangi in a close examination of the project while incorporating supplemental materials like visual imagery and audio sound bytes. Registration required. Details [here](#).
- **Saturday, July 10th, 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM 75 Sterling St., Hartford, CT:** "Black Art Heals Bazaar" hosted by Kamora's Cultural Center. Visit to enjoy the works of local Black artists. Bazaar held weekly on Saturdays through October 9. Details [here](#).

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

With summer vacation in full swing, we are reminded that childhood food insecurity is exacerbated because of the lack of school-provided meals. Summer is also the time of year when food bank donations tend to drop. As we have done in the past, this week, we are highlighting the Food Bank of Lower Fairfield County (in Stamford) and asking our readership to please consider donating food items or provide monetary support. They accept donations at their Stamford location (461 Glenbrook Rd) M-F, 8AM-4PM. Details [here](#).

### THIS WEEK WE'RE...

Reading "Nearly 100 new laws take effect in Connecticut on July 1" by Christopher Keating for the Hartford Courant. Connecticut's legislative session recently ended and almost 100 new laws have taken effect since July 1st. Reporter Christopher Keating summarizes these changes in this article and we wanted to highlight a few of the laws that are related to issues of equity, like the legalization of recreational marijuana and the rules surrounding the reporting of sexual misconduct on college campuses. Also going into effect this year is the "Black and Latino studies" required course for all public schools. We hope this article gives you all a nice summary of the new laws in the state and sparks your interests to read further on these important issues.

### 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 [fairfieldequitycoalition@gmail.com](mailto:fairfieldequitycoalition@gmail.com) to get involved.

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