

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 **seventh** newsletter! This edition explores our plans to tease some of the content from our upcoming report on guaranteeing equity in FPS. We thank our readers who reached out to provide recommended items for this newsletter and we invite anyone interested to do the same. We appreciate our continued dialogue with the Fairfield community!

COALITION UPDATE

This was another busy week for our coalition. As promised, our Publicity committee has released videos introducing our Co-Presidents, Max Ludlow and Lynnaija Brevard, and our Executive team. We encourage you all to check these videos out on Instagram to get to know those who are leading the wonderful members of FEC!

As we continue to polish our report, our Publicity committee will work in tandem with our Editorial and Data committees to release some teaser content from the body of the full report. We will be publishing our ten actionable changes with brief summaries explaining each one, along with some of the data compiled through our previous surveys. The testimonials and responses we received from both students and teachers were crucial in the drafting of our recommendations for the district and we are excited to begin sharing the thoughts and concerns of our community members.

We hope these teasers prime what will be a long and productive conversation between the Fairfield community and Board of Education on creating and sustaining equity within Fairfield Public Schools.

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LOCAL HAPPENINGS

- **Tuesday, August 18, 6:00 PM:** Woke Vote Series via Zoom to discuss barriers to voting in the United States for people of color, hosted by The Ferguson Library of Stamford. Registration and events details here.
- **Friday, August 21, 4:00 PM at CT State Capitol :** Connecticut Black Parade and Protest is organizing a peaceful march from the Capitol Building down Albany Avenue to recognize Black-owned businesses in the state. Social distance and masks required. More details on the protest and following virtual parade here.

ACTION ITEM *a way to make a difference today*

Early last week, Fairfield lost one of our own, Jake Panus, in a terrible automobile accident. FEC wants to acknowledge the shared anguish this tragedy has inflicted upon Jake's family, the Ludlowe community, and everyone that knew him. We grieve with the rest of Fairfield as Jake's memory is honored by his many loved ones. The Panus Family had developed the Jake Panus Scholarship Fund in his memory to provide financial assistance to the children from Red Shirt Table on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation and invites anyone able and willing to contribute.

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Reading about Charlotta Bass in this article from theGrio. Bass was the first Black woman to run for Vice President of the United States, doing so on the Progressive Party ticket in 1952. In light of this week's announcement that Senator Kamala Harris will join the Democratic presidential ticket, becoming the first Black and Indian woman VP candidate of a major political party, it is important to understand the history behind this decision and the trailblazers that made it possible.

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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