

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 **thirty-first** 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

As we enter the last full week of Black History Month, we hope our readership has been able to celebrate the contributions of Black people to our past and present. See this [article](#) highlighted in our last newsletter to continue your reading and celebration of this month! As March approaches, we must remind ourselves that the celebration of Black lives and history should be done year-round and incorporated into our daily lives. Check out our [social media pages](#) to see how we as a coalition have celebrated Black History by highlighting both prominent and underappreciated Black thinkers, leaders, and events.

This past week, our leadership has been meeting 1-on-1 with our prospective members to get a sense of each individual's strengths so they may join their desired committee. We thank our prospective members for their patience as we ensure their rightful place in our organization. As always, we encourage FPS students and alumni to fill out our [membership form](#) so our coalition can grow in size and strength!

Our leadership has also met with district officials this past week as part of the newly-developed Fairfield Education Association/Fairfield Public Schools Anti-Racism Steering Committee to begin actualizing these important reforms.

Finally, if you are an artist of any kind, we invite you to reach out to us at fairfeldequitycoalition@gmail.com to learn about a developing art project in collaboration with our high schools.

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LOCAL HAPPENINGS

- **Monday, February 22nd, 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM via Zoom:** "Black History Month Pajama Story Time" free event hosted by the [Windsor Public Library](#). This week, read along to "Preaching to the Chickens: the story of young John Lewis" by [Jabari Asim](#). Registration required. Details [here](#).
- **Tuesday, February 23rd, 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM via Zoom:** "Social Justice Book Club: How to Be an Antiracist - Part II" free event hosted by the [Bloomfield Public Library](#). This second part of the series is free to the general public and will discuss [Dr. Ibram X. Kendi's](#) book "How to Be an Anti-Racist" in detail. Registration required. Details [here](#).

ACTION ITEM *a way to make a difference today*

Content Warning: Anti-Asian Violence. Since the beginning of the Coronavirus pandemic, in part due to the racist and hateful rhetoric of former President Donald Trump, hate crimes against the Asian American community have increased by 1900%. In recent weeks, there have been numerous racist and violent attacks against Asian Americans across the country. While it is crucial to denounce racism and racist violence in all its forms and at all times, we must take quick action when we see specific acts of hate. There are numerous Asian Americans support groups that are asking for donations to support a wide variety of initiatives, including the support of the victims of these recent crimes and their families. See [this vetted list](#) compiled by [The Strategist \(NY Mag\)](#) for 45 organizations seeking specific-issue donations.

THIS WEEK WE'RE...

Reading "[Winter storm amplifies power grid inequalities for disadvantaged Texans](#)" by [Alexandra Villarreal](#) for [The Guardian](#). The recent brutal winter storm that covered most of Texas left millions without electricity or drinkable water, many of whom are still without these vital resources. While these outages were widespread, this government failure "reveal[ed] how socioeconomically disadvantaged families and people of color shouldered an outsized burden from officials' bungled management." These inequities are structural and constant, reports Villarreal, and are merely amplified and broadcasted to the general public in times of crisis. We hope this article demonstrates how equity extends far beyond education and includes vital infrastructure and public services that, while often unnoticed, are life-saving. Visit [this page](#) if you are interested in supporting Texas relief efforts.

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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