

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 **eighth** newsletter! This edition reflects on the teaser content for our upcoming report on fighting for racial equity within FPS and asks our readership to suggest future projects for our coalition. Thank you for keeping up with our work. We are excited to hear from you!

COALITION UPDATE

As we begin the week, FEC is entering a new and exciting period of transition. After months of diligent work, research, and writing across our many committees, our Publicity committee has begun teasing some of the content of our report on improving racial equity in FPS. Once the full report is published and submitted to the Board of Education and Superintendent Cummings, we hope the public at large will engage with our analysis and recommendations. Educational reform cannot happen overnight and without the support of our community members; we hope our report will re-ignite this conversation!

After the report is released, FEC will be welcoming a new class of members eager to join in our mission. Our coalition continues to grow in size and scope and we hope to keep collaborating with other equity groups in Fairfield and across the state.

As our first big project is nearing its release, we are excited to see where our community conversations will lead and what you all have to say about our future steps!

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LOCAL HAPPENINGS

- **Wednesday, August 26, 1-3 PM:** Women of Color & the Right to Vote [Virtual Event](#) hosted by the [CT Historical Society](#). Learn about Women's suffrage and those who remained disenfranchised long after the Nineteenth Amendment. Details [here](#).
- **Friday, August 28, 1-2 PM:** Building our Future Communities with Transformative Justice webinar hosted by [Sustainable CT](#). Registration details [here](#).
- **Friday, August 28, 1-7 PM at Ninth Square Downtown New Haven:** Black Art Matters Fair hosted by [CT Against Brutality](#) and [Artspace](#). The fair will promote art from Black creators. For more information on the event, click [here](#).

ACTION ITEM *a way to make a difference today*

As a community-based coalition, FEC strives to act in accordance with the desires and concerns of Fairfield residents. In fact, our upcoming report on racial equity centers around the perspectives of Fairfield students and teachers gathered in our surveys. As we continue to fight for equity within Fairfield Public Schools, we want our future endeavors to be similarly informed by the Fairfield community. Please fill out our [Idea Submission](#) page if you would like to share your thoughts on what we've done and/or where we're headed!

THIS WEEK WE'RE...

Listening to the [SchoolHouse: Equity in Education](#) podcast episode on education justice in Mississippi. This episode from earlier this month brings together organizers and advocates reflecting on Mississippi's long fight towards educational equity, discussing important topics like the school-to-prison pipeline and police-free schools. As we fight locally in Fairfield for educational reform, it is important to appreciate and contextualize our efforts into the larger movement for anti-racist curricula and classrooms.

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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