

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 **twenty-fourth** newsletter! This newsletter is by and for the Fairfield community, so please reach out with suggested items. Thank you for keeping up with our coalition!

COALITION UPDATE

This week, we have some important updates to our presentation schedule. Unfortunately, we will not be presenting our report "Promoting Anti-Racism and Racial Equity in Fairfield Public Schools" on this Wednesday like previously mentioned. The district has a last-minute Board of Finance meeting that night which could not be changed. While we are disappointed that we are not presenting this week, we are rescheduling our presentation to the first week in January when the BOE and district officials can give the proper attention and care to our report and its findings. We will be announcing the specifics of this new meeting date soon!

We will be releasing the report in its entirety, along with its summary document and our data on Monday, December 28th, so the public can review our work before its presented the following week.

We are still releasing the content teasers for our ten Actionable Changes on our social media pages; check out these posts to get a sense of what we will be talking about come January!

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LOCAL HAPPENINGS

- **Monday, December 14th at 5:00 PM via Zoom:** "CT Paid Leave: What Employees Need to Know" free webinar hosted by the [Hartford Public Library \(HPL\)](#). Join this session to learn who is eligible for paid leave, how it works, etc. Registration required. Details [here](#).
- **Sunday, December 20th, 2:00 PM via Zoom:** "Hartford Reads in Color Book Club" free meeting for the month of December hosted by [Hartford L.I.T.](#) and HPL. Join in on the discussion of Gabrielle Union's recent book *We're Going To Need More Wine*. Registration required. Details [here](#).

ACTION ITEM *a way to make a difference today*

Regular readers of our newsletter will note that we have recently highlighted several donation drives this holiday season as our weekly action item. We want to reiterate that issues like food and financial insecurity are year-long, systemic problems that millions of Americans, and many in our state specifically, persistently experience. These problems are especially felt during the holiday season. Knowing the scope of our readership, we want to highlight this [compiled list of holiday food and toy drives](#) across Connecticut. If you are able and willing, please refer to this list and donate at your local drive. We encourage everyone to help make sure CT families can celebrate safely this season.

THIS WEEK WE'RE...

Reading "[How to Celebrate Holiday Traditions in School](#)" by [Kyleen Gray](#) for [Edutopia](#). Holiday celebrations have long been a part of anticipated classroom activities, with many students looking forward to these special days at school. It is important, writes Gray, that these holidays are celebrated in respectful, accurate, and appropriate ways. Since we are in the middle of the holiday season, we hope this article highlights the ways in which schools can celebrate the many traditions of their students and staff in fun, inquisitive, and collaborative ways.

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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