

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 **nineteenth** newsletter! We love community input for our newsletters, so please reach out with any suggested items to include. Thank you for following along with our coalition!

COALITION UPDATE

This past week, our coalition took a brief moment and paused our work while our U.S. elections finished. This election cycle was chaotic and, like everything else, complicated by the COVID-19 pandemic. We are inspired to see progressive candidates from across the country at all levels of government win office. Now that most races have been called and ballot counting has nearly finished, we are reminded that elections are important, yet insufficient, to produce substantive change. We as a community must hold elected officials -- regardless of political party -- accountable as we fight for the causes in which we believe.

FEC looks forward to continuing our work with local and state incumbents, newly-elected officials, and activists in the new year!

This week, the Board of Education will vote on our Teacher Survey. If approved, it will be disseminated through district channels and its responses will be the final addition to our report on promoting anti-racism and racial equity in Fairfield Public Schools. We look forward to finalizing this elaborate project for its presentation in December.

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LOCAL HAPPENINGS

- **Wednesday, November 11, 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM via Zoom:** "14th Annual Anne Braden Memorial Lecture: Calling In Call Out Culture" free webinar with Dr. Loretta Ross. Dr. Ross is an anti-racist educator with a focus on white supremacy and human rights. Learn about how to engage in conversations on social justice. Details here.
- **Saturday, November 14, 1:30 PM at Capitol Building, Hartford:** "No Justice, No Peace" state-wide caravan. Meet at the Capitol Building to fight for Black lives and marginalized communities. Details here.

ACTION ITEM *a way to make a difference today*

As an organization with a prominent focus on anti-racism, we try to highlight the ways in which we all can engage with resources to actively un-learn our racial biases in favor of anti-racist principles in our day-to-day lives. Check out one or more of these five anti-racism online courses that you can audit for *free* from several higher-ed institutions across the country. These courses vary in time and by topic and are great resources that consolidate lots of helpful information and tools as we all strive towards anti-racism.

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Reading the article "Why Local Elections Matter" by Melissa Wyatt of Rock the Vote for Medium. Understandably, much of the American public's political focus is on our biggest governmental positions, like the President and Members of Congress. However, local politics, writes Wyatt, has the most impact on a community's and individual's daily life. Important and relevant issues like education, housing, and policing are all primarily controlled through municipal governments, yet so many of us are unengaged from the bodies that affect these issues. As an organization that is advocating directly to Fairfield's local governing bodies, we hope this article helps explain the importance of engaging with local government and leaders.

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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