

# 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 **ninth** newsletter! This edition reflects on the online conversation over our teaser content for our upcoming report. As always, we encourage our readership to reach out with questions and comments on the coalition's work. Thank you for keeping up with our progress!

## COALITION UPDATE

This week, our Publicity committee is teasing the second half of the Actionable Changes outlined in our report on working towards racial equity in Fairfield Public Schools. We appreciate the conversation these posts have generated on our social media pages and hope they will develop into larger discussions with the Board of Education and Fairfield community once the report is released in full. As we articulate in the outset of the report, the fight for racial equity is not merely some abstract mission for others to engage in, but a campaign that requires collective action and a sustained effort from the entirety of a community.

As we mentioned last week, FEC will be welcoming a new class of members into our coalition in the coming weeks. Since many of us are heading back to school, we encourage you all to refer your friends, family, and peers to our social media or website so they can join in on our mission as FEC adjusts for the coming academic year.

We are excited to welcome our new members and prepare for a new chapter in our coalition!

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### LOCAL HAPPENINGS

- **Tuesday, September 1, 8-9 PM:** "Race, Politics and Sports" virtual event with ESPN analyst [Doug Glanville](#), hosted by the [CT Mirror](#). Learn about how the politics of race play out in sports in light of the recent responses from professional sports organizations to the horrific continuation of police brutality. \$5 admission fee for non-members of CT Mirror. Details [here](#).
- **Friday, September 4, 7 PM, at Tilley Pond Park, Darien:** Black Lives Matter Concert Vigil for [Elijah McClain](#). Hear local musicians honor the life and legacy of Elijah. For more details, click [here](#).

### ACTION ITEM *a way to make a difference today*

*Content Warning: Police brutality.* Last week, police in Kenosha, Wisconsin shot [Jacob Blake](#) seven times in the back as he was walking away from the officers. Unjustified police shootings of Black people are too prevalent to be considered isolated and are merely one facet of the structural racism deeply ingrained throughout American institutions. Millions are taking action to demand justice for Mr. Blake, who is now partially paralyzed. Sign this [petition](#) to charge the officer who shot Mr. Blake.

### THIS WEEK WE'RE...

*Listening to "The Long, Bloody Strike For Ethnic Studies"* episode from NPR's [Code Switch](#) podcast detailing one of the first attempts to incorporate anti-racism curricula into education. This episode explains how a series of bloody student protests in the 1960s at San Francisco State University led to the first Ethnic Studies department in the country. As large universities like the California State system are beginning to mandate ethnic studies and social justice coursework for all students, take time to reflect on the difficult fight to include these important topics in the first place.

### 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](mailto:fairfeldequitycoalition@gmail.com) to get involved.

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