In 1960, 6-year-old Ruby Bridges became the first African-American child to attend William Frantz Elementary School in New Orleans.

The NAACP was instrumental in winning the 1954 lawsuit, Brown v. Board of Education, which desegregated public schools in the United States.

Founded in 1909, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People is the nation’s oldest, largest and most widely recognized grassroots-based civil rights organization. A century later, the NAACP continues to work to eliminate racial prejudice as well as to ensure political, educational, social and economic equality for all members of our society.

NYSUT, a statewide union of professionals, is proud of its history of working with the African-American community to advance the civil rights movement and to promote quality education and health care for all New Yorkers.

For more on the important contributions of African-Americans, visit www.nysut.org.

“Don’t follow the path. Go where there is no path and start a trail.” – Ruby Bridges