

Ms. Edwilda Allen Isaac when she was in 8th grade participated in the student led strike at Robert R. Moton High School in Farmville, Virginia in 1951. This strike was organized by African American students in attempts to gain facilities that were equal to those of the white schools

Ms. Allen Isaac was chosen by Barbara Johns, the strike leader, to be on the student strike coordinating committee. She was in charge of organizing the 8th grade class to participate in the strike. For so long Ms. Allen Isaac and the other students had been treated as second class citizens and they decided it was time to challenge the injustices they faced. This took tremendous strength and courage on the part of Ms. Allen Isaac and the others because they and their families would become targets of hate groups such as the Ku Klux Klan. Students' parents faced losing their jobs as a result of their involvement . Ms. Allen Isaac's own mother, who was a teacher, was refused a teaching position anywhere in Virginia. She had to travel back and forth from North Carolina in order to teach, which meant she was only able to see Ms. Allen Isaac and the rest of her family on the weekends.

Despite the many challenges Ms. Allen Isaac and her classmates faced, they persisted in their movement for justice, and they did not just stop with demanding equal facilities. When the NAACP challenged these students to go beyond that and demand integrated schools, they accepted the challenge. Their case "*Davis v. County School Board of Prince Edward County, VA*" became one of the five cases that fell under the *Brown v. Board of Education* Supreme Court case, and it is the only one of the five cases that was led by students.

As a result of Ms. Allen Isaac and her fellow classmates' strength, courage, and selflessness, they were able to change the course of history and help to bring an end to a grave injustice to students throughout this nation. Through her actions, Ms Allen Isaac's has more than demonstrated what it means to be a strong woman.