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And a one point five million dollar check will help tell the history of a Mexican-American family in Westminister that helped end school segregation in California. Sandra Mendez says she didn't even know her parents fought in Mendez versus Westminister years before Brown vs. Board of Education. "In 1969, it was a big deal to take ethnic studies, everybody was doing that. And I read about it in a book. I didn't learn about it at home. My parents didn't talk about it." She says her family lost everything fighting the case, Westminister will use the state funding to finish the Méndez Freedom Trail, which will tell the history of the case.

Westminister plans to honor the family that helped end segregation for schools in California years before Brown vs. the Board of Education. "They lost everything fighting this case." Sandra Mendez says she remembers calling her mom in 1969 when she was in college and found out her parents started Mendez versus Westminister. All she said was, "Really it's in a book. And I said, did you do this?" And she said, "Yeah, we had to. We had to. They wouldn't let your brothers and your sister go to school." The state gave the city one point five million dollars yesterday to help build the Méndez Freedom Trail, set to open next year with statues and interactive plaques that tell the history of the case in Westminister. Corbin Carson, KFI News.