

Charles “Chuck” T. Ritz III Timeline

Approx. 1975	Lake Bluff School District hired Ritz as a math teacher, soccer coach and basketball coach at Lake Bluff Junior High.
Approx. 1978	A former school administrator reported concerns about Ritz’ conduct to the School District.
Approx. 1980-1981	Ritz sexually abused Doe 594.
Approx. 1981-1983	Ritz sexually abused John Bollman.
Approx. May 1985	Ritz exposed his genitals and masturbated in front of students while showing them pornography at a pizza party in Waukegan, IL.
Approx. May 1985	Ritz sexually abused Joseph Lombardi.
Approx. May 1985	Ritz sexually abused Doe 593.
Approx. 1985	Ritz sexually abused Edward Higginson.
Approx. July 15, 1985	The Lee County Sheriff’s Department in Fort Myers, FL received a report from the parent of a Lake Bluff student. The parent reported that his son and other teenagers visited Ritz at a FL resort during which time Ritz was observed to be having oral intercourse with one of the boys while the boy was sleeping.
Approx. July 24, 1985	Lake Bluff School District received a report that a former student accused Ritz of sexual advances.
Approx. Aug. 7, 1985	Lake Bluff School District met to discuss Ritz’ inappropriate conduct with students. Despite concerns raised, Ritz was permitted to continue as a teacher.
Approx. Sept. 1985	Lake Bluff School District superintendent appointed in 1985 admitted to knowing about rumors of a sexual nature involving Ritz and students. The new superintendent met with Ritz and admonished him from taking students on trips.
Approx. Sept. 19, 1985	The School district notified its insurance carrier about Ritz’ “highly questionable sexual behavior” towards students.
Approx. Sept. 25, 1985	Lake Bluff School District allowed Ritz to quietly resign in light of knowledge that Ritz had engaged in inappropriate sexual conduct with students at Lake Bluff Junior High. Lake Bluff School

District paid Ritz more than \$22,000 and failed to notify law enforcement.

Approx. 1986

Ritz was hired as a teacher in the Fullerton Joint Union High School District in Southern California. It is unclear whether the district did a background check when they hired him.

Approx. May 30, 1989

The Lake Bluff School District superintendent received a call regarding Ritz' background in Lake Bluff from an individual on behalf of another school district. The superintendent did not tell the caller what it knew about Ritz' risk to children.

Approx. May 2016

Ritz resigned from his position as a math teacher at La Habra High School in Orange County, CA.

Approx. May 2017

Ritz was charged with one count of misdemeanor indecency stemming from his conduct at a pizza party with students in Waukegan, IL in May 1985.

Approx. August 2017

Ritz pled guilty to public indecency and was sentenced to two years of probation. As part of the plea deal, Ritz cannot have unsupervised contact with minors.