

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’s conduct to the School District.
- Approx. 1981-1983 Ritz sexually assaulted 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 assaulted Doe 593 and Joseph Lombardi.**
- 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’s 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’s “highly questionable sexual behavior” towards students.
- Approx. Sept. 25, 1985 Lake Bluff School District quietly resigned Ritz 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. Sept. 1986 Ritz was issued a teaching credential in California.

Approx. 1986-1989	An Assistant Superintendent within Fullerton Joint Unified School District received a call informing the District that Ritz had resigned from the Lake Bluff District after facing allegations of sexual assault against minor students.
Approx. 1987	Ritz took minor students of La Habra High School on an overnight surfing trip where he sexually assaulted multiple children.
Approx. 1987	Ritz sexually assaulted Doe 7000.
Approx. May 30, 1989	The Lake Bluff School District superintendent received a call regarding Ritz's 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's 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. July 2016	Ritz renewed his California teaching credential.
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 in IL. As part of the plea deal, Ritz cannot have unsupervised contact with minors.
Approx. Oct. 2017	The Orange County District Attorney's Office declined to file charges against Ritz, citing expiration of the six-year statute of limitations.