

Stop Child Predators in Our Schools

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Children are the most vulnerable members of our society. We expect them to be safe at our schools. When the safety net of a school fractures and a student becomes a victim, we expect our schools to urgently respond with unlimited energy and all their resources to address and fix a system that has failed the children. The timing of events or when the school becomes aware of an event, should not play a role in the how a school responds. While legal standards may hamper how law enforcement and the courts can respond to a situation, we are not aware of any Statute of Limitation that restricts how and when a school can respond when an alleged sexual predator has walked its hallways. There is no Statute of Limitation on **DOING THE RIGHT THING**. Our story is focused on two school districts. However, we are hopeful people will recognize the events outlined below can happen anywhere and supporting a petition to improve the speed and rigor of how a school responds to such situations is to the benefit of all schools and all current, former and future students.

Lake Bluff and La Habra schools have provided no evidence that they have been anything but passive in responding to and providing for the needs of victims of sexual abuse. Recently, a number of brave former students have come forward and made claims of sexual abuse and predatory practices by Charles T. Ritz III during the time Mr. Ritz was employed by the schools. The statements of these victims have prompted local law enforcement in Illinois and California to initiate

formal investigations. To the best of our knowledge these investigations remain open and active, with charging decisions to come as early as the first half of 2017. It is recognized that both school districts have made claims that they are cooperating with law enforcement.

The primary mission shared by all educational institutions is to provide a safe and healthy environment for all students. When a safe environment is not provided, as was clearly the case during the time Mr. Ritz was teaching, it is reasonable that all resources would be directed toward identifying the scope of the breach, how and why the breach went undetected, what improvements can be made to minimize risk going forward and finally what steps can be taken to ensure the source of the problem cannot continue to cause harm. Our petition seeks La Habra and Lake Bluff to promptly undertake steps that address at a minimum the following factors:

1) Appoint a Special Investigative Counsel: To provide unquestioned validity to the investigative process, the school shall hire an outside expert to lead and organize the internal investigation. This individual will be charged with ensuring findings are fully documented and that a report for public distribution is produced to bring transparency to what happened, specific steps that will be taken to improve the system and specific timelines and individuals that will be responsible for the execution of corrective action. This individual would work with the administration to determine the appropriate individuals to assist with the investigation and should have ultimate authority on the appointment of additional external parties. Outside parties in leadership roles helps ensure the review process will be prompt, that assessments are thorough, that there is accountability for all findings and corrective responses and importantly that the process is independent to remove any appearance of a conflict of interest by current members of the administration. Special Investigative Counsels have been used very successfully by many of the institutions mentioned herein.

2) **Identification of Victims:** As part of the investigation, identify as many victims as possible; while balancing promptness and sensitivity. The scope would include students in Mr. Ritz' classes, but information to date on victims that have come forward suggests particular focus be paid to students Mr. Ritz encountered in his role as coach for sports teams and school sanctioned/school affiliated clubs and activities such as the Surf Club and Foreign Student Exchange programs.

3) **Address Victim Needs:** Using experts in the treatment of sexual abuse, determine what services should be provided to victims. The needs of victims can be obtained via active outreach to victims and consulting experts in the area of child sexual abuse. The same empathy and services should be provided to all victims, regardless of when they attended the school or when the abuse took place. If the schools lack the resources to meet a need, outside resources and experts should be engaged.

4) **Assess Risk Management Framework:** Assess what changes need to be made to policies, procedures, human and information resources to eliminate or at least minimize future risks. At a minimum, changes made should address the direct shortcomings identified that led to Mr. Ritz going undetected during his time of employment.

5) **Enhance Training Programs:** Determine what training programs need to be enhanced or added to ensure maximum safety is provided and appropriate people know how to respond when risks begin to emerge. Training should provide students and school staff with tools to detect early warning signs of sexual abuse and clear direction on how to report any suspicions of inappropriate activity.

6) **Establish Victim Rights Policy:** Implement and communicate a clear articulation of victim rights and expectations for how a report of abuse will be handled. This should provide victims with a clear and safe path for reporting concerns, how such reports will be responded to with specific identification of time frames and people involved and the availability of privacy. Victims and their families shall not be

placed in a position of opining or suggesting how a situation should be responded to by the administration of the school. These rights should encompass the needs of current and former students.

7) Establish Standards for External Reporting: Formal standards should be established to address mandatory reporting of suspected sexual abuse and reporting to other parties as situations warrant. A protocol shall be established to ensure all pertinent external parties are informed in a timely and comprehensive manner. This would include law enforcement, social agencies, sources that may be consulted by prospective employers of the accused, community members and current and former students.

8) Enhance Hiring Standards: Review all hiring practices to ensure undue reliance is not placed on a previous employer to vet a prospective employee. Reporting by schools has proved to be problematic in this case and many others to the point that the practice of not reporting and letting the next employer deal with the problem has received a title of “passing the trash”. Enhanced hiring procedures that proactively and thoroughly seek to detect problems in the past jobs of prospective employees should become the norm and replace the traditional passive reliance on reporting by former employers. The aim is to limit the opportunities for sexual predators to remain undetected and gainfully employed in positions that give them easy access to children.

The above steps can and have been employed by others without compromising investigations being conducted by law enforcement. Cooperating with law enforcement is a minimum standard that must be adhered to when required. However, the determination of what, if any crimes have been committed is only one aspect of a risk event that threatens the operation of a safe and sound school environment. In cases of alleged sexual abuse like the one with Mr. Ritz, La Habra and Lake Bluff are encouraged to fully cooperate with law enforcement. A proactive and comprehensive response to alleged sexual assault requires steps that are outside the control of law enforcement to minimize the risk. A school system must

employ considerable resources to adequately respond to alleged sexual assault. The conviction of an offender only addresses the symptom of a problem that was able to fester and grow due to an ineffective or inattentive risk management framework. The termination or resignation of an alleged offender without proper notification of other parties merely passes the risk to another education system and may even possibly embolden the offender. This passing on of risk seems to have been present in the situation with Mr. Ritz given the facts that are known.

In order to provide examples of how some institutions have responded to similar situations with their own investigations and corrective response while cooperating with other investigative authorities, we offer the links below. The list also provides links to other related situations and studies pertaining to the sexual assault of children. Any reasonable investigation of child sexual abuse in the US will show that a low percentage of incidents are actually reported, the willingness of victims to come forward does not emerge until the victim is well into adulthood and that a low percentage of allegations are proven to fabricated. These statistics paint a potentially horrific wake of destruction in the case of Mr. Ritz. Numerous victims have come forward, suggesting the true number could be in excess of 100. The victims that have come forward encountered Mr. Ritz from 1978 to 2000, leaving 15 years of students in his teaching career that have not reached the age when many victims come forward.

(To access stories hover cursor on link and click)

[USA Gymnastics Sexual Abuse](#)

[Chestnut Hill Academy](#)

[Penn State](#)

[St. George's](#)

[Lake Zurich](#)

[Sexual Abuse Calif Teachers Up 70%](#)

[Child Sexual Abuse Statistics](#)

[Protecting Your Child Study](#)

Background on Ritz Story

The media has produced two primary stories related to the ongoing investigation of Mr. Ritz. Links to both are provided below.

[EX-O.C. Teacher Investigated](#)

[Betrayal of Trust](#)

Charles T. Ritz was employed as a teacher at Lake Bluff (IL) Junior High School (now Lake Bluff Middle School from 1974 to 1985 and at La Habra High School (CA) from 1986 to 2016. In July 1985 the Lake Bluff School Board was informed of at least two instances of Mr. Ritz being involved with sexual related activities with his students. One of these reports involved students in Lake Bluff and the second event involved a former student that had moved to Florida. On September 24, 1985, Ritz was suspended with pay. On September 25, 1985 the Board informed Mr. Ritz that they scheduled a hearing for October 15, 1985 to review the allegations made. On September 25, 1985 Mr. Ritz tendered his resignation effective immediately and the Board accepted his resignation on that same day.

Per documents provided by the Lake Bluff School Board relating to the matter, there was no evidence provided that indicated the matters involving Mr. Ritz were reported to law enforcement or any government body for further investigation, nor was there an indication that the allegations were reported in a manner that would have made the allegations known to any prospective future employer of Mr. Ritz.

In the fall of 1986 Mr. Ritz was hired as a teacher at La Habra High School. He remained with the school until the end of the 2015-16

school year. A Freedom of Information Act request was made to the school and the school board for records pertaining to Mr. Ritz and specifically sought any information pertaining to accusations by students or their families of inappropriate conduct. The response provided to the request was a one page document of Mr. Ritz' initial teacher contract. We appreciate legislative frameworks are in place to protect a variety of parties. Despite the intent of FOIA, the spirit of FOIA requests cannot always be met when such information is maintained in an individual's personnel file. Some victims in California have stated that they or a family member did report specifics of inappropriate acts to the school and or the school board. In Lake Bluff evidence of similar reports were provided in response to a FOIA request. The absence of such documentation in California can reflect that such reports have been destroyed or that the laws in place do not allow such to be provided in response to a FOIA request.

Our aim is to bring support and resources to the victims. While we are focused on two school districts, we are hopeful the response here will add momentum to a change in how victim rights and victim needs are addressed by all school districts.

Petition Started January 26, 2017. 336 signatures as of Feb 12, 2017

Comments made by signers below

Gretchen Farlander Naples, FL

REASON FOR SIGNING

Pedophiles have no business in our schools nor should these horrendous situations be ignored or "swept under the rug". its time to take a serious stand and end violence against children in a place where they should be safe.

Sandy Rodgers Carmichael, CA

REASON FOR SIGNING

Really good ways to address this! I might add that each school (nursery school through 12th grade) make standard that each student is asked in a safe, private setting, in an age appropriate way about school's employees on a regular scheduled basis. Other types of abuse might also emerge, like teachers bullying students.

Tracey Brown Miami, FL
REASON FOR SIGNING

We need do everything possible to protect children from sexual predators.



Todd Mattson Austin, TX
REASON FOR SIGNING

A classmate at LBJH couldn't handle any more lingering pain of the suffering caused by sexual abuse by a teacher at our junior high. Years later he made a hasty exit from this mortal coil, leaving behind a wife, kids, and a community of people who couldn't sit by the sidelines another day. I'm not only signing this today, but taking the time to say exactly why - something I rarely do - only because I must. To do less would be absconding of the minute duty of speaking painful truths, joining together with other classmates speaking painful truths. I didn't know what happened all the years ago, not at the time, and when I finally heard about it, it was in the hushed tones of rumor. This was not a dinnertime discussion topic in 1984, and I'm not totally sure it even is for most now, which is almost as great a tragedy as the events themselves. Many years, even decades, had passed between when I first heard about these incidents involving Charles Ritz, and classmates of mine on the basketball team. Society changed, grew more open minded. These things weren't brushed under the carpet anymore, they're front page news, as terrible as that too may be.

Allison Christie Charlotte, NC
REASON FOR SIGNING

My friends were victims of sexual harrassment and abuse.

Susan Rowe Harrison Toronto, Canada

REASON FOR SIGNING

I am signing this petition because I was a student at LBJH when Charles Ritz was a teacher. I am heartbroken to learn about Ritz's transgressions and that my classmates had to suffer lifelong stress as a result of Ritz's predatory actions. The victims deserve to know that all attempts have been made to convict Charles Ritz and that their children and others will be safe in school and in after school activities in the future.

Jennifer Connolly Mount Prospect, IL

REASON FOR SIGNING

I am an educator myself and I consider myself a "trusted adult" to my students, so I am saddened and horrified by how Mr. Ritz has ruined the lives of many of my friends and classmates from junior high. This must not go on and must not continue to be swept under the rug. Students deserve to be heard, no matter how much time has gone by. Let's stand up for the students from year's past and help pave the way for those current and future innocent children!

Amy Raines Fort Worth, TX

REASON FOR SIGNING

Investigate! ...too many have suffered for too long.

Jason Millee Tucson, AZ

REASON FOR SIGNING

I know many victims involved with Lake Bluff jr high.

Amy Radford-Earwood Lake Leelanau, MI

REASON FOR SIGNING

Support family and friends that had Mr. Ritz and attended Lake Bluff Junior High as I did.

Amy Erb Glencoe, IL

REASON FOR SIGNING

This has impacted my family and friends and this man needs to be held accountable for the abuse he caused.

Thom McAleer Overland Park, KS
REASON FOR SIGNING

This shit's gotta stop!

Wendy Soderborg san francisco, CA

REASON FOR SIGNING

do you really need to ask?

Joanne Abrams Scarborough, ME

REASON FOR SIGNING

It's time.

Dawn Harrer Haddonfield, NJ

REASON FOR SIGNING

Every school district must provide a safe and nurturing environment for our children. Sadly, this is NOT the case. Predators thrive in silence and darkness. My child was a victim. I REFUSE to live in silence. I am not afraid of MONSTERS!

Diane Suciu Lake Forest, IL

REASON FOR SIGNING

This man needs to be stopped!

Connie Wade Lake Forest, IL

REASON FOR SIGNING

sexual abuse by teacher occurred in daughter's high school.

Fazia Kayani, MBA Riverview, FL

REASON FOR SIGNING

This is absolutely wicked. He must face his punishment.

Sarah Cooke Blackwood, NJ

REASON FOR SIGNING

I am signing to stand up for my daughter. Stand up for Chris!!!!

Kent Sterling Fishers, IN
REASON FOR SIGNING

Pedophilia in our schools need to end.

Russ Ruswick Lake Bluff, IL
REASON FOR SIGNING

I want justice for the victims!

Jason Suci Glencoe, IL
REASON FOR SIGNING

A victim



esther warkov tucson, AZ
REASON FOR SIGNING

we must protect students from educator abuse without fail and guarantee their Title IX rights



Terri Miller Las Vegas, NV
REASON FOR SIGNING

I'm signing because I have fought to End Passing the Trash for more than two decades. I serve as President of Stop Educator Sexual Abuse, Misconduct and Exploitation (S.E.S.A.M.E.). We support state and federal efforts to address the insidious practice of 'passing the trash' with recent success. The new ESSA Act passed and signed, December 2015 includes a provision in Section 8546 Prohibition of Aiding and Abetting Sexual Abuse in Schools that requires every state to enact policy, regulation or legislation that prohibits passing the trash. In section 9201, it is the sense of congress that confidentiality agreements should not be used in instances of sexual misconduct. The S.E.S.A.M.E. Act (Act 168 of 2014 Pennsylvania) mandates transparent communication between employers, bans confidentiality agreements, mandates a full employment history review and defines grooming behaviors as reportable offenses with disciplinary penalties. Penalties are also imposed against administrators found to have violated this statute. Please let us know how we can support legislative efforts in California to End Passing the Trash. Visit our legislation page to learn more about ESSA and The S.E.S.A.M.E. Act at: www.sesamenet.org

Tricia Vanover Windermere, FL

REASON FOR SIGNING

Several classmates were abused by a trusted, evil teacher who was allowed to move on to other schools because the school didn't want bad publicity. Maybe if laws are changed those victims will feel recognized finally.



Matt Fleming Chicago, IL

REASON FOR SIGNING

These measures are important and reasonable steps in changing a culture where a predator was allowed to prey with impunity for years. I am a parent of three children, including one middle-school aged boy. The idea of sending him into an environment as dangerous as is described here, where the danger is as masked and hidden as is described here, sickens and angers me.

Stephen Van Nuys Lake Bluff, IL

REASON FOR SIGNING

As former student of LB schools I am supporting my classmates that have been abused by this man. As a LB community member and an educator I implore the powers that be to stand up and correct the the injustice that has been committed and fight for the rights of our children-it is time to do the right thing.

Priscilla Stoll Lake Bluff, IL

REASON FOR SIGNING

Children need to feel safe at school and trust that they're protected.

Kevin Ruswick Clifton Park, NY

REASON FOR SIGNING

I have numerous friends that were victims of Charles Ritz when he was a teacher in the Lake Bluff, IL school system. We were too young at the time to understand all the events that occurred, but hopefully it is not too late to serve justice to these predators.

Suzanne Thomas Lake Forest, IL

REASON FOR SIGNING

There is no doubt that this man is a sexual predator and has caused irreparable harm to many children, who are now dealing with the effects as adults. Unfortunately, when this happens to children, they are confused and ashamed and are unable to come forward and get the help they need until they are well into their 30s and 40s and realize that they are not guilty for what happened to them, and that the actions of this predator were self-serving, sick and wrong.

Anne Edwards Flossmoor, IL

REASON FOR SIGNING

Graduate of LBJHS '84

Tracy Adams Waukegan, IL
REASON FOR SIGNING

Charles Ritz was a teacher in the Lake Bluff district 65 school system in Illinois and he totally violated many young students during his career there.



Betty Booden Mundelein, IL
REASON FOR SIGNING

It sickens me that children are being abused and people in authority looked the other way.

David Stevens Libertyville, IL
REASON FOR SIGNING

In memory of those who were abused and to protect those who may be



Danielle Grijalva Oceanside, CA
REASON FOR SIGNING

We must stop passing the trash... it's that simple.

Sara Silver Phoenix, AZ
REASON FOR SIGNING

In the 70s, Charles Ritz abused my friends in junior high and our school did nothing.

Jordan Smith River Forest, IL

REASON FOR SIGNING

i'm 15 years old and it is never ever fair for a child to go through this form of torture



Rebecca Booden Mundelein, IL

REASON FOR SIGNING

Why am I signing this petition? Because Mr Ritz was my teacher in Lake Bluff and he abused and violated my fellow students and it was terrible!!!! Why the teachers and parents did nothing, I'll never, ever understand

Joanne Yorro Northbrook, IL

REASON FOR SIGNING

Many of my friends and classmates were traumatized by this horrible man. I would like him to pay for this and would like to prevent it from happening to future innocent young adults.

Lynn Roberts West Orange, NJ

REASON FOR SIGNING

I am signing this petition, because I went to Lake Bluff Junior High and was in the same class as one of the victims, who has started this remarkable journey for justice. As a young child us female students knew something was wrong but because of negligence of the adult figures handling the abuse others have suffered. This abuse of authority lost the opportunity to educate a group of children and prevented them to grow with understanding that this was a crime. I am signing because this has to stop and I hope that the adults involved in righting this wrong have the courage to act on this now.

Susan Johnson Decatur, GA

REASON FOR SIGNING

I grew up In lake bluff and many of my neighbors were adversely affected by me ritz

Stephen Paul Geneva, IL

REASON FOR SIGNING

A Lake Bluff child

Hynek Dvorak Lake Forest, IL

REASON FOR SIGNING

I am a 1982 LB Jr High grad and have friends and neighbors that were victims.

Steve Vaccaro San Jose, CA

REASON FOR SIGNING

I have friends who have been victimized and this abuse needs to end.

Megan Hage Tarpon Springs, FL

REASON FOR SIGNING

This is important and the right thing to do!

Kluchka Jane Winthrop Harbor, IL

REASON FOR SIGNING

All victims deserve to have our support- they never stop being a victim. Predators need to be held responsible for their actions.



Patrick Johnson Waterford, WI

REASON FOR SIGNING

Show support for classmates

Mary Finley Polson, MT

REASON FOR SIGNING

This happened to me



Vera Walsh Leitrim, Ireland

REASON FOR SIGNING

Becos I am against all abuse

Margaret Miedlar Downers Grove, IL

REASON FOR SIGNING

Sexual abuse of children must stop and perpetrators must pay some kind of consequence for their actions.

Stacy White (Peter) Antioch, IL

REASON FOR SIGNING

It is the schools responsibility and its employees to create a safe environment for all children and provide a positive educational environment!!

Terry Lesser Lake Bluff, IL
REASON FOR SIGNING

To support my fellow LB Jr High School graduates that have been affected by this tragedy.

Aric Short Fort Worth, TX
REASON FOR SIGNING

There is no statute of limitations on doing the right thing.

Katy Harris Steamboat Springs, CO
REASON FOR SIGNING

These schools have neglected their number one responsibility.... to protect their students! This needs to change! I am so disappointed that my childhood friends were hurt so deeply by one of our teachers. Please don't let this happen anymore!

LaMonda Welch St. Louis, MO
REASON FOR SIGNING

children need to be and know they are protected always especially in schools



Greg Johns Libertyville, IL
REASON FOR SIGNING

People ask all the time on the Bobcat Price site....How can I help? Well, here you go. Here is your chance to help the past victims and maybe prevent the next!



kristan lane reno, NV

REASON FOR SIGNING

Kris Lane

Rachel Riley Smock Muscatine, IA

REASON FOR SIGNING

Charles Ritz has to be held accountable for the pain that he caused to so many of his former students. Please listen to the voices of the survivors and their loved ones and give them some long overdue justice ...

Robert Clifford Lake Bluff, IL

REASON FOR SIGNING

I'm signing because sexual predators need to be held accountable.

Laura Peterson Lake Villa, IL

REASON FOR SIGNING

My close classmate were/are victims of a teacher in Lake Bluff.

Bretton Lutz Tuckerton, NJ

REASON FOR SIGNING

Children deserve to be protected from the teachers we entrust them to.

steve platcow Lake Forest, IL

REASON FOR SIGNING

Ritz rapped several of my friends.



Jacquelynn Turner East Troy, WI

REASON FOR SIGNING

We shouldn't have to sign something that is a no-brainer! Protect our own!



Heather Cambilargiu Huntington Beach, CA

REASON FOR SIGNING

I believe in this cause!



Adrienne Vincent-Phoenix Orange, CA

REASON FOR SIGNING

I don't want my children to grow up and attend school in a district without more rigorous protections for students.

Alisa Jacobs Cohocton, NY

REASON FOR SIGNING

I am a victim of rape and molestation. No person should have to endure that kind of horrific abuse!! Especially a child. Teachers are supposed to be there for children not abuse them!!

Tricia Willis Ingleside, IL

REASON FOR SIGNING

Former LB student of those effected as well as a mother of 2 who as well had a teacher recently convicted do the same to their classmates in a 4 yr span

Nancy Vogt Wayzata, MN

REASON FOR SIGNING

So many brave men have come forward and they deserve to see justice.

Robin Comerford Lake Forest, IL

REASON FOR SIGNING

Because it is repulsive that children are victimized...

Allison Boersma Northbrook, IL

REASON FOR SIGNING

I grew up in Lake Bluff and child molesters should be prosecuted.

mary claire sparrow Lake Forest, IL

REASON FOR SIGNING

I raised my children in Lake Bluff, and know these accusations to be true based upon testimonials of friends.

Anne Sorensen Lake Bluff, IL

REASON FOR SIGNING

“There comes a time when one must take a position that is neither safe, nor politic, nor popular, but he must take it because conscience tells him it is right.” MLK, Jr. It is a testament to the community to be able and willing to rally around the ones who have suffered.

Rick Lesser Lake Bluff, IL

REASON FOR SIGNING

Institutions like our schools need to put the interests of their students in front of their reputations. For too many years and too many kids, the schools have allowed pedophiles to leave quietly, which just enables them to move on to new victims.

laura knop Lake Bluff, IL
REASON FOR SIGNING

Every Student should feel safe

Sarah Cancel Chula Vista, CA
REASON FOR SIGNING

What happened to my friends should have never happened.

Jennifer Beslow Glen Ellyn, IL
REASON FOR SIGNING

I was a student of Mr. Ritz'. He eagerly invited the boys to special outings in our group which was the class of 1982. He changed the dynamic of our little world by his secret parties and some of our friends changed DRAMATICALLY which now in hindsight is disturbing. No one is out for anything but safety, justice and prevention. The fact he left in a paid secret to continue his unacceptable sexual assault is more upsetting. This needs to stop. Lives have been lost , altered and damaged because of one sick person not being accountable.
Mr. Ritz needs to be stopped.

Barb White Apopka, FL
REASON FOR SIGNING

I'm signing this petition as some my friends have been affected. No matter the time frame, those should be held accountable.

Susan Smith Holly Springs, NC

REASON FOR SIGNING

Children are the most vulnerable members of our society. Please help protect the children!



Emily Hill Plano, TX

REASON FOR SIGNING

How can the school districts be doing nothing to seek out and support any students who may have been abused by this teacher? This is unbelievable.

As a parent of school-aged children, this is very alarming. Where is their sense of obligation to student safety, and holding their employees accountable?

Tom McCafferty Manassas, VA

REASON FOR SIGNING

I'm signing because I know some of the students whose lives were irreparably damaged by Charles Ritz, a teacher at Lake Bluff Jr High. He is a child predator that had not been held accountable moving on to another school district where he continued to prey on innocent kids! These school systems failed on many levels and what he did should never have been allowed to happen.



Lisa Spano Lake Bluff, IL

REASON FOR SIGNING

Kids need to feel safe in their schools. Teachers and adults need to be held accountable in cases of child molestation, regardless of how long ago the offense occurred. The school districts involved must assist in justice being served.

Leigh Moss Lake Bluff, IL

REASON FOR SIGNING

I know multiple people who have been harmed by this man and they deserve to know that something is being done to help them and make sure that he does not do this to anyone else.



Lynette Foss Lake Bluff, IL

REASON FOR SIGNING

People I know have been permanently scarred by abuse of this type. They have always felt betrayed by the system, so the system must make amends.

Hilary Lane Lake Forest, IL

REASON FOR SIGNING

in support of all victims - past and presently suffering - with hope that with justice comes peace.



Scot Sinclair Gurnee, IL
REASON FOR SIGNING

I was a former student at LBJH during Ritz's tenure, and I personally know two of the victims. He needs to pay for his crimes. There is even a reference to one former victim that took his own life after years of depression that was directly cause by this predator.

Chad Andrews Austin, TX
REASON FOR SIGNING

Continue to be amazed by the community of those coming forward. The truth will help many victims heal.

Michael Davey Key Biscayne, FL
REASON FOR SIGNING

It's time.

Doug Hay Fort Collins, CO
REASON FOR SIGNING

I was a student at Lake Bluff Jr. High in 1975 and 1976. I know former students who I believe were abused by Charles Ritz.

Todd Andrews Naperville, IL
REASON FOR SIGNING

I was a victim of Charles Ritz in Lake Bluff back in the mid 1980's (he was my coach and teacher).



Sally Vaziri Napa, CA

REASON FOR SIGNING

Charles Ritz was my teacher at LBJH and I would like Ritz prosecuted to the fullest and laws in place so this does not happen again. This is a travesty for all the victims and families .

John Bollman Fort Worth, TX

REASON FOR SIGNING

Schools have the responsibility to atone for past mistakes and protect all students including alumni.