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# Team Jeb Bush

(Foundation for Excellence)

## Obstacles & Responses

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# A+ Plan for Education

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- 1994 ♦ ***Accountability, competition & bonuses***
  - 1998 ♦ 1. Schools: Grade A-F
  - 1999 ► 2. Choice: charters, vouchers, \*virtual schools
  - 2002 ♦ 3. Outcome-tied \$: school grade, AP exams
  - 4. Teachers: loosened entry requirements
  - 5. Reading: interventions, hold back 3rd gr.
  - 6. Graduation: harder exit testing
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# Opposition: Elections

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- 1994 ➤ Incumbent Chiles wins the governor's race.
  - 1998 ➤ Bush defeats (Lt) Governor MacKay 55% - 45%
  - 1999 ✦
  - 2002 ➤ Defeats Bill McBride 56% - 43%  
Ballot measure to cap class size  
[Bush talking to Panhandle lawmakers](#)
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# Transcript

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1994 ♦

Unknown: ...class size.

1998 ♦

Bush: If that's the case, then maybe we can find a way to create a policy mechanism to make that happen. If this initiative passes though, I just...

1999 ♦

2002 ➤

Lawmaker1: I wouldn't suggest you pay for it.

Bush: Tax the lawyers?

Lawmaker2: Hey.

Lawmaker1: No, actually in the private sector... if we have a big debt like that we sometimes have to look at our assets. I would say one possible way to pay for it would be to grind up the roads and sell the asphalt back to the asphalt plant.

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# Transcript

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1994 ◆

Bush: [Laughter] You're gonna replace it with concrete?

1998 ◆

Lawmaker1: Well, we're just gonna drive on dirt for a while.

1999 ◆

Bush: Well, or, or we're gonna have to cut nursing homes. You gotta

2002 ➤

go to the big places. There's a disconnect right now on that. So, I've got a couple of devious plans if this thing happens. That, uh, you know... might want to consider having, a full, having another look at it, with, you know, the full monty you know the full costs and benefits, so that the consumers, the voters, will have the full ramifications of this, including, you know, which tax will go up, and which programs, uh, to give an alternative, if you want a...

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# A+ Opposition: BoE Debate

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- 1994 ♦ · Board members (Bill Nelson, Bob Butterworth)
  - 1998 ♦ · A+ Teachers Return \$\$
  - 1999 ➤ · *“Five or six teachers are making a big grandstand play. The fact that they want to give it back -- I'll take it, but it really won't change anything about this.” - Jeb Bush*
  - 2002 ♦ · Teacher concern: Mobile students
  - Florida Education Association
  - Pinellas County
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# A+ Resolution: BoE Debate

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1994 ◆

1998 ◆

**1999** ► Board voted 4 to 2 to continue with A+ Plan

2002 ◆

Only students on rosters in October and test day will be counted toward school grade.

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# A+ Opposition: ACLU, NAACP, AU

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- 1994 ◆ File suit challenging voucher program, charging it:
  - 1998 ◆ Violates 1st Amendment's Establishment Clause
  - 1999** ► Violates provisions of the Florida Constitution
  - 2000 ◆
  - 2001 ◆
  - 2002 ◆
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# A+ Opposition: *Bush v. Holmes*

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1994 ◆

- Trial court rules that Opportunity Scholarship

1998 ◆

Program (OSP) violated Florida Constitution:

1999 ◆

“[i]t is . . . a paramount **duty of the state** to

2000 ➤

make adequate provision for the education of all children residing within its borders.

2001 ◆

Adequate provision shall be made by law for

2002 ◆

**uniform**, efficient, safe, secure, and high quality **system of free public schools.**”

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  - 1999 ♦
  - 2000 ➤
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- 2004 ➤
  - Violates “uniform, high quality education.”

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  - 2006 ➤
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1994 ◆

- OSP no longer includes the option to attend a private school.

1998 ◆

1999 ◆

2000 ◆

2001 ◆

2002 ◆

2003 ◆

2004 ◆

2006 ➤

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# A+ Opposition: NCLB

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1994 ◆

- A+ focuses on school averages for grades

1998 ◆

- NCLB focuses on several subcategories and requires Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP)

1999 ◆

2002 ➤

# A+ Opposition: NCLB

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1994 ◆

- Florida Schools:

1998 ◆

- A+ : 75% A's & B's

1999 ◆

- NCLB: 72% failed to meet AYP

2002 ◆

2006 ➤

*"With no disrespect to anyone in Washington, D.C., I believe our system is the most comprehensive system of measuring how schools are doing based on student learning by far."*

- Jeb Bush

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# A+ Resolution: NCLB

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- 1994 ♦ Differentiated Accountability
  - 1998 ♦
  - 1999 ♦
  - 2002 ♦
  - 2006 ♦
  - 2008 ➤
- If a school misses AYP two years in a row, but has made AYP for > 80% of subgroups, AND has a grade of A+ from A to C, the school itself decides remediation.
  - “Intervention” schools (NCLB) can avoid closure by getting a C (A+) and meeting AYP in one more subgroup each in math and reading.
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