

6 Strategies for Creating Shared Vision

- **Blue sky scenarios** – Ignore all that was or is and create something totally new from scratch. If you could create the community of your dreams, what would it look like?
- **Forecasting scenarios** – Analyze trends and then design around predictions. What are the big trends in our community? What impact will the changing mix of industry have? What will be happening with our financial resources in the future? How will our demographics change? Have groups develop separate scenarios and share them with each other.
- **Time Warp** – Take an imaginary trip through time, ending up somewhere in the future (5-10 years out). Turn on the evening news. What are the stories they're telling about your community?
- **Mapping** – Map out the various assets of your community and how each asset relates to the others.
- **Role playing** – Have people return to their core values and create a way to communicate them to the rest of the group using any form of expression they like—a skit, dance, poem, rap, newscast, song, picture.
- **Pictogram** – Give small groups paper, art supplies, objects, etc. to construct a visual image of the future without using words.

You will find more insights about these strategies on pages 241 through 243 in *The Handbook for SMART School Teams (Second Edition): Revitalizing Best Practices for Collaboration*.

