

Section 2

Holding a Shared Vision Steady The Principal's Compass

2:1 Holding a Shared Vision Steady

2:2 Choosing Smart Risks & Managing Them Wisely

2:3 Principals Leading Toward a Vibrant Culture

So now that we're packed, where shall we go? Paris? The Amazon? A cozy cabin on a lake with loons? Aunt Maggie's for the holidays? It makes a difference, you see. Where we think we're going sets the mood and sustains us when there's construction delay en route. It also guides our choices.

To work well, a vision must be:

- SHORT (maybe even catchy) enough to remember all the time
- STRETCHING (in ways that feed our soul and seem worth giving your lives to)
- SPECIFIC enough to steer by (It would lead you to say "yes" to some things and "no" to others.)

The cluster of packets in this tab is designed to help the leadership of a school articulate and then be wise and clever about following up on the "few simple rules" that underlie your chosen destination.

A vision worth working toward makes all the difference.

