Vision 21:
A Journey Into the Leadership of the Future
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What does the future hold for educational leaders in a rapidly changing and increasingly demanding environment? Although we can’t know the future, together we can imagine a preferred future for public schools and principals.

In the year 2021, NAESP will celebrate 100 years of service to K-8 principals worldwide. In advance of this milestone, NAESP is working to help principals, schools, and students prepare for a world that will change faster than any of us can imagine. The Vision 2021 project was designed to anticipate what schools will be like in the year 2021, what the roles and responsibilities of principals will be, and what we need to do now to best help principals meet the challenges of today as well as whatever lies ahead.

The mission of the Vision 2021 project is two-fold. First, we need to understand the driving forces that are shaping society as a whole, as well as teaching, learning, and leadership. Next, we want to envision the strategies, models, structures, and relationships that can guide principals toward a positive and preferred future.

NAESP is teaming with the Institute for Alternative Futures (IAF), a leading consultant in the discovery of preferred futures, to guide the development and implementation of this major effort. NAESP and IAF have been working with a variety of constituencies to identify some of the most important issues for NAESP and its members. Ensuring equity and excellence for all students, advocating for stronger early childhood programs, and creating networks of support for children and their families seem to be on every principal’s mind. We are also hearing that it’s becoming increasingly important that we pay attention to issues of cultural competency and global understanding.

These are among the important issues that NAESP Board members and staff will be examining closely in the coming months. Learn more about the Vision 2021 project at www.vision2021.org. Then, weigh in. Let us know what you believe about the future of the principalship, what you want for the future, and how we here at NAESP can best support you, both today and for years to come. E-mail us at vision@naesp.org, add your comments to our Principals’ Office blog, or call me at 800-386-2377, ext. 258.

We know why you became a principal, and why you continue to work so hard on behalf of children. And we also know that we want to be there beside you, supporting you, every step of the way.

Resources on the Future of Leadership

Future-focused Leadership: Preparing Schools, Students and Communities for Tomorrow’s Realities
by Gary Marx

Successful leadership requires principals to stay abreast of current trends. This book will help you learn how to scan for trends, identify the characteristics of an ideal organization, and engage the school community in building a future-focused organization.
Item# FFL-S07
Members: $26.95
Nonmembers: $33.95

Teacher Leadership: Improving Teaching and Learning from Inside the Classroom
by Elaine L. Wilmore

A visionary model of leadership that acknowledges a master teacher’s power to make a difference, this book offers a global perspective on classroom teachers’ roles as leaders of students and focuses on increasing classroom leadership capacity.
Item# TLIT-BS07
Members: $25.95
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To order these resources, call NAESP’s National Principals Resource Center (NPRC) at 800-386-2377, or send a check, credit card information, or purchase order to: NPRC, 1615 Duke St., Alexandria, VA 22314-3483. Members receive an additional 10 percent discount by ordering online at www.naesp.org/nprc.
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KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

Daniel Pink
Saturday, April 5, 3:30-5:30 p.m.

Change your views about how you work with the expert on innovation, competition, and the world of work, Daniel Pink. His latest book, A Whole New Mind, charts the rise of right-brain thinking in modern economies and explains the six abilities individuals and organizations must master in an outsourced and automated world. Learn what you can do now to help your students learn the skills they will need in the future.

James Carville and Mary Matalin
Sunday, April 6, 1-3 p.m.

Get the inside scoop on the 2008 presidential elections and insight from both political parties! Political pundits James Carville and Mary Matalin will share personal experiences from the campaign trail and give principals the opportunity for Q&A.

Consuelo Castillo Kickbusch
Monday, April 7, 3:30-5:30 p.m.

Born and raised in a tiny Texas barrio, Consuelo Castillo Kickbusch overcame the fierce challenges of poverty, discrimination, and illiteracy to become the highest-ranking Hispanic woman in the Combat Support Field of the U.S. Army. Because of her strong dedication to saving the youths of America living in the same barrios she did as a child, Kickbusch has worked with more than 1 million children, their parents and educators, providing inspiration and encouragement to take charge of their lives, make a real difference in their families/communities, and follow a disciplined road map to success.

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