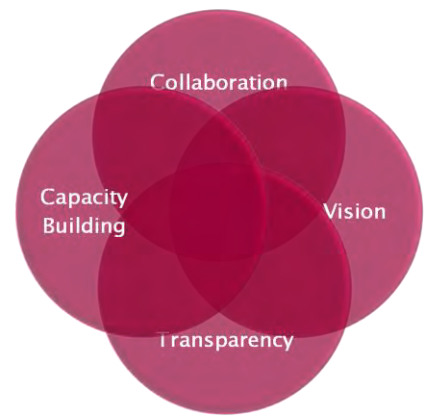




Our Core Values



The OPI, in partnership with local schools and communities, seeks to honor the following core values in our work:

Vision: If we don't know where we're headed, how will we get there? The OPI convened school personnel and community members through the spring and summer of 2010 to begin sharing the visions each of us have about what a great school can look like in the local community. School teams were encouraged to draw images and describe what a great school looks and feels like and to bring these visions into their planning process. Throughout the challenging process of school improvement, we will take time to re ignite our vision.

Collaboration: Collaboration is recognizing that we all have to work together, give our best and that not one entity among us can single-handedly accomplish our goal of having our schools be great. Helping our schools improve requires all of us to build trust and find new ways to work together and make a difference.

Capacity Building: At every step of the way, we seek to strengthen what is good and working in the school and community and help to build capabilities and connections where needed. OPI feels a moral imperative to ensure that schools and communities are stronger as a result of our work together.

Transparency: The OPI strives to share information as openly as possible and to encourage the local school and community to do the same. This can be challenging, but we must all work hard to communicate.