

## Next Steps

Please complete the following Next Steps, to integrate your experiences within your own schools and communities with the information presented in this chapter.

1. The first step in improving a school is to review data about the school and find areas of needed improvement. This might be poor attendance or low graduation rates, or students arriving far from reading ready. What would your school or district's goal areas for improvement be? How could community outreach support meeting these goal areas?
2. Few schools decide to start a major community outreach. After reading this chapter, we encourage you to use this information to triage your school. Ask: "What are we already doing and doing well? What are some interesting program ideas that we read about in this chapter that we might want to consider? Where do we start?"
3. Have you visited a community outreach school? It is an incredible experience to witness a new type of public school and hear the praise from parents, students, and teachers. See if you can find a community outreach school nearby and make contact.