We, the School Board governing the Camino Real School District, became profoundly aware of our civic responsibility to address the effects of the 1996 drought which focused public and institutional awareness on the scarce water resources of New Mexico. As a result of this increased awareness, board members directed district officials to seek funding to substantially modify existing landscaping at existing sites throughout the district.

The Camino Real School District is proud to announce that a grant of $3.3 million dollars has been awarded to the District through the New Mexico State Engineer Office's Water Conservation Program. These grant monies are available to purchase services, plants and materials to convert existing landscaping to xeriscaping. Site preparation costs are to be absorbed with District funds.

The initial site to receive funds for landscaping refurbishment shall be the Camino Real Elementary School. As the oldest site in the district, this school shall serve as a model of xeriscaping applied to educational sites. Unlike some of the newer facilities in the district which will require only minimal upgrading, Camino Real Elementary will necessitate a total overhaul of the exterior grounds to be completed during the 1997 summer break.

Proposals are sought for this redesign effort. Each proposal shall contain the following elements:
- Prospectus listing information about the landscape design firm submitting the proposal.
- Evidence of civic input on design elements.
- Site worksheet and specifications.
- Completed site plan with drip irrigation components included.

Proposals are due at the Camino Real School District offices no later than 2:45 on this day. Oral presentations before the School Board will commence immediately at that time. These presentations should cover all the required elements of the proposal.