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North American Association for Environmental Education Conference Attendees Join Forces for Beautification Project

(ALBUQUERQUE, New Mexico) — Students from Albuquerque Public School's School on Wheels Program will lead approximately 60 North American Association for Environmental Education (NAAEE) Conference attendees in a xeriscape beautification project from October 27-29, 2005.

The students, who have been working to design the water and wildlife friendly habitat since August 2005, used the *Learning to Xeriscape Curriculum* from the New Mexico Office of the State Engineer and the *ViewFinders Too Program* from the Dunn Foundation to guide their design.

"This is a prime example of how the New Mexico Office of the State Engineer water conservation curriculum is making a difference in the state," said Water Use and Conservation Bureau Chief John Longworth. "Through this xeriscaping project, the students were able to gain a better understanding of the environment and landscape design enhancement projects."

School on Wheels is an alternative high school for students that help them to focus on self-awareness, resilience, responsibility, teamwork, and community and family orientation.

"Our students at School on Wheels are often motivated when they have the opportunity to become leaders in their communities," said School on Wheels teacher Vince Case. "On the first day of school this year, students were excited to have this chance to plan a community service project for adults."

Funding for the beautification project includes grants from the Dunn Foundation and Public Service Company of New Mexico. A dedication ceremony to follow installation of the beautification project will be held on Saturday, October 29, 2005.

What:	Dedication Ceremony for Beautification Project
Where:	School on Wheels Main Campus 529 Hartline Ave. SW
Time:	11:00 am – 11:30 a.m.
Contact:	Vince Case, School on Wheels (505) 934-9644, or case@aps.edu

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NAAEE is a network of professionals, students, and volunteers working to promote excellence in the field of environmental education around the world. This project carries on an NAAEE tradition allowing conference attendees to make meaningful contributions to host cities.

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