

Sweeney's school-aid proposal less radical than  
Christie plan,

aid formula.

Sweeney, on the other hand, views abolishing funding disparities as the goal and redistributes approximately \$500 million in aid over a five-year period.

It is a skillful political move, establishing him as willing to take a leadership role to address an issue as politically fraught as it is sensitive, while, at the same time, recognizing the state's obligation to continue to provide adequate funding for less-wealthy di