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MINA Charter School secures Kendale building

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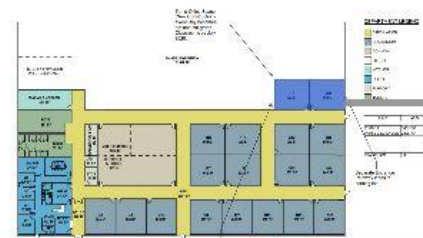
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The MINA charter school announced Thursday that it has secured a closed portion of the Kendale Shopping Center for use as its campus, which has been [announced as opening in 2020](#).

"This milestone is a dream come true in some ways, but we are reminded that we are only at the very beginning of our journey," said Shawn Williams, chairman of MINA's board of directors. "We have hundreds of students and families in Lee County whose dreams have yet to be realized. We understand the formative role we will play in changing the lives of our students and we are eager to get started on this challenge."

Thursday's announcement was made jointly by the school and [American Charter Development](#), which provides financing and construction services for charter school facilities.



The floor plan for MINA Charter School.

The 82,300 square foot building is the southernmost third of the largely dilapidated shopping center and formerly was home to a movie theater, a restaurant and a flea market. It has been closed for several years. MINA (pronounced "MEE-na") stands for "more is now achievable,"

and the school will serve k-5 students with a STREAM (science, technology, reading, engineering, arts, and math) curriculum. Stella Farrow, a longtime educator in Lee County, will serve as the school's administrator.

The school is accepting student applications for the 2020-21 school year at its [website](#). When it opens, it will be the county's second charter school. The other, [Ascend Leadership Academy](#) on Harvey Faulk Road, serves students in sixth through ninth grades.