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Second fire in less than a month at Burley Glenwood school destroys playground



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Students at Burley Glenwood Elementary School are without a playground structure after the second of two incidents of vandalism on the South Kitsap school's campus in the past month.

The playground structure located in front of the Burley Glenwood Elementary School was damaged in a fire on Saturday, Jan. 20. The playground was completely destroyed and the remnants were removed by the district's facilities department, SKSD spokesperson Amy Miller said. South Kitsap School District is investigating arson or vandalism of the incident.

The January fire followed another that occurred on Christmas Eve, when a slide in the lower field at Burley Glenwood was damaged in a fire, the school district said.

As of Wednesday, the investigation hasn't confirmed that the two incidents are connected, Miller said.

Miller said that the SKSD Business Office is working with the district's insurance provider to determine a timeline for when to replace the damaged playground with new equipment.

"Most likely, it will be several months and probably summer before a replacement structure can be ordered and installed," Miller said.



South Kitsap School District is investigating arson/vandalism of the playground structure at Burley Glenwood Elementary School on Jan. 20. South Kitsap School District

No suspects have been identified in the case, Kitsap County Sheriff's Office spokesperson Kevin McCarty said on Wednesday.

The investigation is in the hands of the Kitsap County Fire Marshal's Office unless and until a potential suspect is identified, McCarty said.

Those who have tips or information can contact Kitsap County Sheriff's Office and reference case# K24-000616, the school district said.