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Dish Network Drops WFQX, Local 32

WFQX, Local 32/Cadillac Telecasting Company announced that Dish Network has decided to discontinue service to its subscribers, no longer airing WFQX LOCAL 32 effective today April 27, 2018 at 5pm.

Alex Bolea, owner of Cadillac Telecasting, offered the following statement regarding Local 32 being disconnected from Dish Network: "Dish charges its customers for the value of Local 32's programming. They want to keep that money rather than pay a fair price for the programming. We hope to continue to be able to provide Northern Michigan with the best local news, sports, and entertainment. It takes hard work, long hours and significant investment to produce a product that makes an impact in people's lives. The employees of Local 32 are volunteers, parents and your neighbors with a passion for community. We are a small, independently and locally owned broadcast station—one of the few left in the country. Dish Network is a big corporate company."

Local 32's programming will remain available to viewers for free over-the-air and to subscribers to every other cable and satellite video provider in Northern Michigan.

WFQX and Dish Network had reached an agreement that covered payment for airing WFQX programming. Dish Network is now refusing to pay for the content. WFQX invests in programming on their station. Including producing hours of local news each weekday and offering Fox Prime and Sports along with many syndicated shows.

Local 32 stated that it intends to keep Dish Network viewers updated on the dispute through social media and on the station's website (<http://9and10news.com>).

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