Team:

For those of you unable to make today's staff meeting, I want to be the first to tell you that I am resigning from my position with the station. My last day will be Friday, April 7.

These are not easy words to type and the decision to leave this fantastic team and beautiful community was met with many sleepless nights and much contemplation.

As many of you know, this past year was personally a difficult one for me. I lost my sister and brother-in-law late in 2016. Their deaths made me rethink what was most important to me. It is my family -- my beautiful 4-year-old granddaughter, my sons, my wife, my daughter-in-law.

With this re-evaluation, I made the decision that being closer to them and in their day-to-day lives was what I most needed. For years, I have been a plane ride away. And with my new position as GM for WHNS, the Meredith Fox affiliate for the Greenville/Spartanburg, South Carolina and Asheville, North Carolina market, I will be a short drive from them.

Since I started here at WFTX, you all have welcomed me and treated me with such kindness. I appreciate you and the time we worked together. This is a strong team full of some of the best in the TV business. I know you will continue to shine light for this community.

Thank for you for all that you do, day in and out.