

FIGURE 5.4:
**ADMINISTRATORS’
ROLES IN A
SUPPORT SYSTEM**

Administrators:

- ✓ Fervently reinforce the value of rigor and engagement.
- ✓ Support complex curriculum and students’ development of deeper meaning.
- ✓ Ensure professional development opportunities in strategies appropriate for rigor and engagement.
- ✓ Are crucial in providing the time and materials teachers require to create a rigorous and supportive learning environment.
- ✓ Facilitate different school-wide support systems.
- ✓ Ensure that schools schedule time for teachers to network and function on active collaborative teams.
- ✓ Organize time for school personnel to be available as appropriate for facilitating, reflecting, and communicating formally or informally with students and families.
- ✓ Advocate for specialized services as needed for academically advanced as well as special needs students.
- ✓ Support high-ability students through a differentiated curriculum with accelerated pace and level of instruction.
- ✓ Endeavor to be in classrooms to mentor and interact with students as well as evaluate instruction.