SCHOOL SPIRIT: Teachers, staff, and fellow students welcome students as they arrive at East Upper and Lower Schools, part of the Rochester City School District, on the first day of school in September. The New York State Education Department approved the University to serve as the Educational Partnership Organization for the school starting in this academic year, after the department in 2014 designated the school—one of Rochester’s most historic—as “persistently struggling.” With the guidance of faculty and staff from the Warner School of Education, the new East was designed with input from students, families, teachers, school leaders, and the community. Changes include a longer school day, new and enhanced curricula, and a support model that allows East teachers to spend part of each day working with students one-on-one or in small groups in areas where support is needed. PHOTOGRAPH BY ADAM FENSTER